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Lords endorse mental girl's sterilization

'Pregnancy a disaster' ruling sets precedent

By Frances Gibb and Jill Sherman

The House of Lords gave the go-ahead yesterday for Jeanette, the girl aged 17 with a mental age of five, to be sterilized to save her from the "unmitigated disaster of pregnancy".

In a ground-breaking ruling the five law lords led by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, unanimously rejected an appeal by the Official Solicitor acting for the girl.

"It is clear beyond argument that for her pregnancy would be an unmitigated disaster. The only question is how she may best be protected against it," Lord Bridge of Harwich said.

The "overwhelming evidence" pointed to an operation, by closing the fallopian tubes, which should "now be performed without further delay."

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The right of a woman to give birth was a basic human right, but the mental and physical handicaps of the girl rendered her "incapable of ever exercising that right or enjoying that privilege", Lord Bridge said.

Sunderland Borough Council, in whose care the girl is, confirmed that the sterilization will be carried out in the next three weeks.

The deadline is May 20, when Jeanette becomes 18, and would cease to be within the court's jurisdiction.

Last night,mental health groups said they were deeply concerned at the decision. Mencap and Mind said the judgement should not set a precedent.

It is the first time the English courts have sanctioned a sterilization but Lord Templeman said yesterday that the High Court judge who made the initial decision in this case was "under a duty" to authorize the operation and "had the courage" to do so.

He added that every sterilization in future of a girl under 18 should only be with the leave of a High Court judge.

Mr Eric Bramfitt, chairman of the council's social services committee, said the dismissal of the appeal "has confirmed in every respect that we have done what we thought was right."

Jeanette had been in the care of the the council since she was four and the council's only concern had been with her welfare, he said.

"I hope now that this young person and her family can be left out of the glare of the publicity to live their fown lives."

Jeanette is likely to continue to live in the mixed hostel during the week and return to her mother's home for the occasional weekend.

The ruling was warmly welcomed by Mr Cecil Emmerson, solicitor for the girl's mother. "It is a considerable relief to all concerned, particularly her mother."

In recent weeks while the appeal was pending the girl had become "increasingly difficult and given cause for concern so that the earlier the appeal was heard the better for the child; and any delay has proved a considerable burden."

Those with care for the girl are believed to have grown worried that she is already displaying symptoms of pregnancy but doctors have ruled this out and the symptoms are thought to be side-effects of drugs.

In the only other cited case, in 1976 Mrs Justice Heilbron refused a sterilization because it involved the deprivation of a basic human right.

But Lord Hailsham said yesterday that right was only such when reproduction was the result of informed choice.

To talk of the "basic right" to reproduce in the case of someone who could not understand the link between sexual intercourse and childbirth, the nature of pregnancy, what was involved in delivery, could not form maternal instincts or care for a child "appears to part company with reality."

The girl did not desire children and if she were to have a child she could not understand what was happening to her: she would be "terrified, distressed and extremely violent during normal labour" and the child would *probably have to be delivered* by Caesarean section.

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President Reagan talking with the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Nakasone, on his arrival in Washington yesterday for talks covering their trade differences. (US demand, page 21).

Ferry's officer blamed for open bow door

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The chief officer of the Herald of Free Enterprise was named yesterday as the man who should have checked that the bow doors of the ferry were closed before it sailed.

Mr Paul Morter, the second officer, told the inquiry into the sinking of the ferry that the responsibility lay with Mr Leslie Sable.

However, Mr Justice Sheen, who is conducting the inquiry, gave a warning that there may be a conflict of evidence when Mr Sable testifies, possibly on Tuesday.

Mr Morter's evidence painted a picture of such flexible and ad hoc working arrangements on the car deck that confusion seemed only too likely to have arisen. He said there was no set procedure for deciding who would carry out the responsibilities of loading officer, which included ensuring that the bow and stern doors were closed.

He described how he had taken over the supervision of the loading of the vehicles from Mr Sable who then left the car deck. He was asked: "Did you expect to see him again before departure?", to which Mr Morter replied "No".

"So as you understood it you were the officer on the car deck responsible for loading?", he was asked. "Yes", Mr Morter said.

However, shortly before loading was completed Mr Sable returned to the vehicle deck and, according to Mr Morter, took over from him, though they did not at that stage speak to each other.

"I was aware of the situation that he had taken over loading the deck. He was in communication with the shore by radio and he was directing the traffic, and was instructing the crew on the stowage of vehicles."

Mr Morter said that he then just stood back and watched. He admitted that he had been relieved, though surprised, by Mr Sable's return because the loading had been running late, and he was having trouble with those controlling the loading from the shore.

It was unusual, he said, t be relieved of his responsibilities on the car deck within few minutes of sailing. Mr Morter said there was doubt that he had been

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lieved of any responsibility for closing the bow doors, and it had become the responsibility of Mr Sable.

When the ferry was almost ready to leave Mr Sable ordered that "Harbour Stations" should be sounded to alert the crew. Mr Morter said he discussed with the chief officer whether he should go to his harbour station on the aft deck, and Mr Sable said: "Off you go."

It has been repeatedly stated that the assistant bosun, Mr Mark Stanley, who had the *responsibility for actually* closing the doors, was asleep in his cabin.

Mr Morter said that if it had been his responsibility to ensure that the doors were closed he would have waited to see Mr Stanley on the car deck. If he had not arrived after a short time he would have had him called on the public address system.

Mr Morter would not have left the deck until he was satisfied that someone was closing the doors, though he said he would not necessarily

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Six killed as plane hits boat

By Harvey Elliott

The pilot of a light aircraft, probably disorientated in low cloud and with no horizon to focus on, yesterday crashed at more than 120mph on to a fishing boat off the Isle of Wight. The pilot, his wife and daughter, and at least three people on the boat were killed.

The single-engined Cessna 172 had taken off from Antwerp in Belgium after filing a flight plan for Exeter.

The pilot had to keep below areas governed by national air traffic controllers and for much of the time was in cloud which came almost to sea level.

Along the British coast he called up Southampton air traffic controllers and asked permission to pass through their area. The controllers asked him to identify himself by making turns so they could ensure they were following the right aircraft.

A retired teacher, Mr David Colquhoun, who was cruising on his yacht in the Solent, saw what happened. "I heard the noise of an aircraft engine. It was very low and very loud. It came down, bounced on to the water and into the yacht. The whole lot just disintegrated."

US shares soar on trade talks

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Share prices on Wall Street soared last night as hopes grew that talks between President Reagan and Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister of Japan, would settle the trade dispute between the two countries.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 42 points near the close at 2,295.45 and US bonds rose strongly.

White House officials said Mr Nakasone revealed he had ordered a reduction in Japanese interest rates to help tostabilize the dollar.

The optimism in New York was matched in the London money markets, where there are hopes of another early reduction in bank base rates.

The pound rose again, shrugging off Tuesday's reduction in base rates to 9½ per cent. The sterling index rose by 0.2 to 73.2, above the level at which the Bank of England sanctioned the base-rate cut.

Money market interest rates fell to a level just above that consistent with base rates of 9 per cent, as the pound headed towards the key DM3 level against the mark.

Dealers believe there may be scope for a cut in base rates to 9 per cent, possibly as early as next week, if the pound's strength continues.

This could trigger a further reduction in mortgage rates after the drop to 11¼ per cent which takes effect today.

Labour ignores council leader's 'racist' challenge

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Labour Party leaders yesterday shrugged off the action by a prominent council leader who repeated the "racist" claim that led to the suspension of Miss Sharon Atkin as its parliamentary candidate in Nottingham East.

Miss Linda Bellos, the Labour leader of Lambeth council in London and another black section's activist, deliberately courted disciplinary action with remarks about Miss Atkin on the *Today* programme on BBC radio.

She said: "It is not a matter, it seems to me, of whether she retracts the allegation that the Labour Party is racist because I do repeat that the Labour Party is racist.

"I do not think that the Labour Party is worse than any other institution in this country. It does have within it practices and procedures and even individuals who adhere to and practice racism."

It was a clear challenge to the authority of the party leadership.

But Labour's business managers are far less worried about the predictable comments from Miss Bellos than they are about an approved parliamentary candidate saying such things. They have no plans to take disciplinary action and give her the further publicity for which they believe she craves.

Miss Bellos complained that more senior figures in the party had not been disciplined despite what she called their breaches of discipline.

She did not name them but she clearly had in mind Sir James Callaghan, the former prime minister who has criticized Labour's defence policy.

A sharp drop in support for the Liberal-Social Democrat Party alliance was indicated by a Marplan survey last night and boosted the Labour and Conservative parties for the crucial run-up to the local elections next Thursday.

and Mr Frank Field, the MP for Birkenhead who has urged tactical voting by Labour supporters in seats where the Alliance had the best chance of beating the Conservatives.

Last night Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said there would be "absolutely no point" in taking disciplinary action against Miss Bellos who should be denied the martyrdom she craved. "It is unwise to make martyrs of anxious martyrs."

He said Miss Bellos was "not significant in any way whatsoever" and he described the black section's movement as more imaginary than real.

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Man questioned about murders of three girls

By Peter Davenport

Detectives were last night questioning a 37-year-old man in connection with the abduction and murders of three young girls over the last five years.

His arrest follows one of the most extensive police operations mounted in Britain, involving hundreds of officers from six separate forces.

The man, from Northumberland, was being held at Cramlington police station, Northumbria, about eight miles north of Newcastle upon Tyne.

He was being questioned about the death of 11-year-old Susan Maxwell, who disappeared from her home near Coldstream in the Borders in 1982; five-year-old Caroline Hogg, snatched from outside her home in the Portobello district of Edinburgh the following year; and 10-year-old Sarah Harper, who was abducted walking from the corner shop to her home in Morley, near Leeds, last year.

Susan was found near Loxley in Staffordshire, Caroline near Twycross in Leicestershire, and Sarah in the River Trent, near Nottingham.

The joint inquiry by six police forces in Scotland and England has been under the overall command of Mr Hector Clark, Deputy Chief Constable of the Lothian and Borders force based in Edinburgh.

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Hattersley's pay warning

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Chancellor, warned yesterday that the trades unions could not expect big wage increases under a future Labour Government and, in an interview with *The Times*, he revealed that Labour would not shrink from imposing import controls if it felt them necessary

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£16,000 to be won today

- There is £16,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, four times the usual amount as there have been no winners for the past three days.
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Orchestra strike distresses Toyah

By Ruth Gledhill

Cabaret star Toyah Willcox was close to tears last night as she prepared to go on stage without an orchestra for the second night running.

As the audience waited outside the Strand Theatre in the West End to hear whether the show would go on, musicians were still talking with management about the strike which has already cost the theatre more than £8,000.

Miss Willcox, who plays the Sally Bowles character in the £1½ million hit musical, said: "I was very nervous when I went on without an orchestra. Considering everything, it was a magical show." Her co-star James Dundas, stepping in for Wayne Sleep in his first big break, added: "It is desperately disappointing for me."

Mr Nigel Everett, the theatre manager, said the show was booked until October 31. It has about £80,000 worth of advance bookings.

As the orchestra, leaders of the Musicians' Union and the management company Porter Young met to try to settle the dispute, sacked members of the orchestra denied they had been at fault.

- **New association:** Discontent with the Musicians' Union is not confined to the management of *Cabaret*

Growing dissatisfaction with the union has prompted several London orchestral players to create a separate association, The Guild of Professional Musicians.

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Jenkins challenge on MI5 inquiry

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Jenkins, the former Labour Home Secretary, yesterday challenged Mrs Thatcher's refusal to consider an investigation into renewed allegations of an MI5 plot to bring down the Wilson Government. He said her apparent suggestion that the activities could not be inquired into by a later government was extraordinary.

As Mrs Thatcher again blocked attempts to draw her into the controversy over the secret services, it was disclosed that Mr Tony Benn, the former Labour Cabinet minister, is planning to raise allegations tomorrow about a plot to assassinate him involving the murdered Conservative MP, Mr Airey Neave.

He is to speak at a May Day rally about a report published in the *New Statesman* in February 1981, that just before the 1979 general election Mr Neave discussed with former security service agents plans for an undercover "army of resistance" in case of a Labour victory.

Mr Benn said yesterday that at the time he dismissed the allegation about a plot to assassinate him and had not made any statement about it since. But in the light of the new allegations about an MI5 plot he would be referring to it in his speech.

Midland's 'yuppie' account

By Peter Gartland

Both Lloyds Bank and the National Westminster Bank appear to have been caught out by Midland Bank's plan announced yesterday to launch an interest-bearing current account aimed at customers in the 25-45 age bracket from May 11.

The Midland's Vector account will be available for a monthly fee of £10. In addition to the interest element (currently 5 per cent pa net), there will be an interest-free £250 overdraft facility.

Vector account holders will also be able to have surplus money transferred to a Vector savings account paying 6.5 per cent net.

QE2's reputation bitten by teething troubles

From Bryan Appleyard on board the QE2

Tempers were running high on the QE2 on its first day out from Southampton because of widespread teething troubles after the liner's £100 million refit in Germany.

Some passengers on the voyage to New York found themselves without cabins after a flood, arising from a leakage in the fresh water system, left many rooms unusable.

At one point even the Captain, Lawrence Portet, and his wife were without a room as staff struggled to reallocate people within the ship.

On board sports facilities and swimming pools were not functioning. Ice cream was not available in the best restaurant, and you could not even get a suit pressed due to a temperature problem in the valet service.

Paul and Cindy Lambert from Massachusetts, who were celebrating their 20th wedding anniversy on the cruise, found the room they had been allocated completely bare with an oil-stained carpet and no furniture.

They, along with a group of other passengers, tried to demand the ship did not leave the port until they were all found decent rooms. Mr Lambert said: "I keep trying not to remember that this is costing me a thousand dollars a day. Cunard's reputation has been lost at sea."

Cunard chairman, Mr Alan Kennedy, who is also on the voyage, explained the main problem had been the additional week of sea trials insisted on by the British authorities after the refit. This unexpected delay had meant key areas of the ship could not be fully finished.

"We could have cancelled this first voyage", he said, "but at that late stage it would have caused people even more problems with return flights booked and so on".

Mr Kennedy said about 80 German shipyard workers were working on the ship during the voyage, and he expected most of the problems with the hotel side of the operation to be solved within four to five days.

Completion of all outstanding work could take a month. He said passengers who had suffered would be compensated and he knew of perhaps 40 or 50 cases already.

He dismissed suggestions that the refitted liner was capable of taking the Blue Riband for fastest Atlantic crossing. That will remain the property of the Liner United States which, say seamen, had the guts shaken out of her by the effort.

On the plus side for the new QE2 vibration levels after the refit are significantly lower.

Mr Lambert was unimpressed. He intended photographing all the shambles on the ship and sending the pictures to Cunard along with his claim for compensation.

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College left £1m by Fellow's wife

Magdalene College, Cambridge has been left more than £1 million by Mrs Dorothy Richards, the widow of I.A. Richards, the author and critic who was a Fellow of the college for more than 50 years.

Mr Paul Murphy, the college bursar, said yesterday: "The money won't lead to a life of beer and skittles but it will enable us to improve our research facilities and undergraduate accommodation".

Mrs Richards died last September aged 93. Her husband died in 1979.

● Oxford University's next vice-chancellor is to be Sir Richard Southwood, aged 55, a zoologist and Fellow of Merton College. He will succeed Sir Patrick Neill, QC, in 1989. **Diary, page 14**

Leanne inquest

An inquest into the death of stablegirl Leanne Scott, aged 17, of Gidding Road, Sawtry, Cambridgeshire, was opened and adjourned in Huntingdon yesterday.

Evidence of identification was given by the family GP, Dr Miriam Hackman.

Earlier Colin Hill, aged 18, of Washingley Road, Folksworth, who is charged with Leanne's murder, was remanded in custody by Huntingdon magistrates for the third time.

Murder charge

A mother was remanded in custody yesterday charged with murdering her daughter, aged one, and causing grievous bodily harm to a boy aged 18 months.

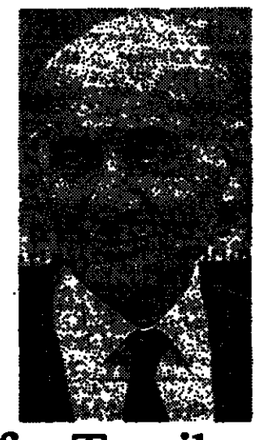
Mrs Hilary Ball, aged 35, of East Grinstead, West Sussex, appeared before magistrates at Haywards Heath accused of drowning Claire Ball and stabbing the boy at her home. An order was made banning publication of the boy's name.

£1.4m shipyard sale

Smith's Dock, the last shipyard on the River Tees, was sold by British Shipbuilders yesterday for £1.4 million to the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority.

The deal comes after the collapse of a £2.5 million bid by an Arab-American consortium which hoped to reopen the yard and create 2,000 jobs. Only 200 jobs will result from the sale to the port authority, which plans to lease one-third of the 55-acre docks to British Telecom for cable ship servicing. The shipyard closed three months ago with the loss of 1,300 jobs.

Doctor loses plea



Dr Sidney Gee, the Harley Street slimming specialist, is expected to face disciplinary proceedings by the General Medical Council in July after a House of Lords ruling.

Five law lords yesterday rejected an appeal by Dr Gee over the way the council had drawn up the charge of serious professional misconduct, and that to go ahead with disciplinary proceedings would be in breach of the rules.

Reprieve for Tamil

A Tamil supporter who has taken sanctuary in a church to avoid being deported to Sri Lanka was given a temporary reprieve by a judge in the High Court in London yesterday.

Mr Justice Nolan gave Viraj Mendis, aged 31, leave to challenge a deportation order made last December.

Mr Mendis has been living at the Church of Ascension in Hulme, Manchester, since the order was made. He fears that his support for the Tamils will bring him persecution and possible death if he is sent back to Sri Lanka.

Thatcher's closer interest in security service

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Regular contact between the Prime Minister and the heads of MI5 and MI6 and a change in the style of management have helped greatly to improve the working relationship between Number 10 and the intelligence services, according to senior Whitehall sources yesterday.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is under increasing political pressure to order an inquiry into the activities of MI5 in the 1970s, arising from the allegations by Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 officer, of a conspiracy against the Wilson government.

Lord Wilson of Rievaulx admitted this week that he had seen very little of the men who ran MI5 and MI6.

Sources yesterday confirmed that Mrs Thatcher took a close personal interest in British intelligence operations and was frequently in touch with the heads of intelligence.

Mrs Thatcher has taken a number of crucial steps to ensure that she retains satisfactory control.

She chose Sir Antony Duff to be the director general of MI5 because she had come to respect his judgement while he was chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee in the Cabinet Office.

She had appointed him to the JIC job in 1983, after criticism of the lack of intelligence warning prior to the invasion of the Falklands. Sir Antony was also an outsider — a diplomat, not an MI5 career man.

Mrs Thatcher asked him to set up an internal grievance system so that junior and middle-ranking officers could discuss their problems. This followed the failure of senior MI5 officers to detect the drinking habits of Michael Bettaney, the middle-ranking MI5 officer who tried to spy for the Russians. This new procedure has not yet been implemented.

The then head of MI6, Sir Colin Figures, due for retirement, was replaced in 1985, by Sir Christopher Curwen, knighted last year, who had been with MI6 since 1952. It is understood that Sir Christopher was supported by Sir Antony.

Under the Maxwell Fyfe directive, issued in 1952 by the then Home Secretary, ministers "do not concern themselves with the detailed information which may be obtained by the security service in particular cases, but are furnished with such information only as may be necessary for the determination of any issue on which guidance is sought".

However Mrs Thatcher has been forced to demand detailed background to a number of cases.

She has had to make full statements about Anthony Blunt, the long-standing Soviet spy, Geoffrey Prime, who worked for the Russians inside GCHQ and Michael Bettaney, the MI5 officer.

She has also had to check with her intelligence chiefs before rejecting spying allegations made against Sir Roger Hollis, the former head of MI5, Mr Graham Mitchell, his deputy, Lord Rothschild and Sir Maurice Oldfield, the former head of MI6.

Labour says crime has soared under Thatcher

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Labour Party claimed yesterday that half the population of Britain would have become victims of crime under Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Government by the time of the general election.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the party's home affairs spokesman, who was launching a document on crime prevention, *Protecting OUr People*, said: "By the time of the general election, the 25 millionth crime victim of the Thatcher years will have been robbed, or mugged or burgled".

He claimed that since 1978, the last year of the Labour government:

- Total crime had risen by 49 per cent.
- Crimes of violence against the person had increased by 46 per cent.
- Burglaries were up by 61 per cent.
- Thefts had increased by 37 per cent.
- Fraud and forgery were up by 21 per cent.
- Criminal damage, including vandalism, had risen by 85 per cent.

With crime costing £10,000 million a year, there had been more 4,300,000 reported offences during last year, Mr Kaufman said. "We have a situation in which a crime is being committed every seven seconds of the day right round the clock."

He said a Labour government would put more bobbies on the beat, increase victim support and compensation, and enlarge crime prevention measures.

Labour also proposes to reduce substantially the powers of chief constables and senior police officers. "It is unacceptable that chief constables, alone among all senior public employees including generals in the armed forces, are not accountable to elected representatives.

"Our aim is to ensure that locally elected representatives decide the nature of policing in their area within the minimum standards and guidelines set down by Parliament".

Labour says it will give locally elected police authorities in all areas, including London, "statutory responsibility on determining the policing policieis, priorities and methods of their force."

"The next Labour government will remove non-elected magistrates (currently one third of the membership) from police committees since they are not accountable to the public and, as members of the judiciary should be seen to be independent from the police."

Police authorities would be given powers to make the police show that they upheld the law without favour towards, or prejudice against, any individual or section of the community and to maintain "minimum standards of policing".

They would also ensure that the composition of police forces was representative of the composition of the local population.

Mr Kaufman also said that a video link between prisons and courts could be introduced by a Labour government to save police officers from time-consuming escort duty.



Mr Mohammed Aslam, who was chosen as Labour parliamentary candidate for Nottingham East, to replace Miss Sharon Atkin, a black sections supporter.

Attempt to oust new candidate

By Craig Seton

The left-dominated executive of the Nottingham East Labour Party was last night considering a move to oust the new parliamentary candidate imposed on it a day earlier by the national party.

Sources in the local party said that at it's special meeting last night the executive was considering a motion of no confidence in Mr Mohammed Aslam, a Nottingham City councillor, who was appointed as the new candidate to replace Miss Sharon Atkin, the black activist.

Miss Atkin was dropped as the constituency's Labour candidate by the National Executive because of her outspoken remarks about black sections.

Although the local party executive was expected to reaffirm it's support for Miss Atkin, activists have apparently accepted that they cannot get her reinstated.

Instead they were likely to consider appealing to the National Executive for permission to select another candidate of their own choosing.

The executive members are known to be furious at the appointment of Mr Aslam because of his reputation as a campaigner against black sections. One executive member said that the only issue to be resolved at last night's meeting was the executive's decision whether or not to support Mr Aslam.

Mr Peter Coleman, the party's regional organizer, attended the meeting of the executive committee last night to prepare a report for the party's leadership.

Regional Labour party officials believe that only a few hard-left party members will shun Mr Aslam and they dismiss suggestions that a new party structure would have to be built in time for the general election. The seat is held by the Conservatives with a majority of 1,464.

Man at the centre of the union stage

By Tim Jones

The Musicians' Union was last night hoping to involve the arbitration service, Acas, in the dispute which led to dancers and singers at the Strand Theatre production of *Cabaret* performing without musical accompaniment.

The dispute, which involves allegations of excessive drinking and undisciplined behaviour, brings into confrontation a left-leaning union at the forefront of the pressures inherent in a high risk capital venture.

But other pressures and politics make the dispute at the London theatre a mirror image of the tensions which permeate the whole music industry.

For most of yesterday, the union's general secretary, Mr John Morton, was in talks with Mr Bernard Parris, branch secretary for central London, discussing the Strand dispute.

Mr Morton is not a nationally known figure but when it comes to the fine art of hammering out agreements, he is one of the foremost union negotiators in Britain.

In spite of the recently-amended rule which stated that only unions with more than 100,000 members could have a seat on the General Council of the TUC, he has held his seat for many years because of the lobbying of the big unions on his behalf.

This is not because of an excessive fondness of music on their part but because they recognize Mr Morton as a heavyweight intellectual Apart from being internationally recognized as a world authority on the intricacies of copyright, he is regarded as a level headed pragmatist.

That his union is affiliated to the Labour Party, the Anti-Aparthaid Movement, and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament also helps his credentials as a member of the Labour Party.

Although he plays the piano, Mr Morton was never a full time professional musician. Most of his managerial and union skills were acquired when he was a lecturer in industrial relations at the Solihull College of Further Education, West Midlands.

Now at the age of 62, he finds himself in control of a union which has only a third of its 38,000 members in full-time occupation. The majority do other jobs by day and pursue their musical careers by night.

At the top end of the profession, musicians in a West End show such as *Time* can expect to earn up to £700 a week, although the average for inner London theatre-land is nearer £300.

Although the money for the West End is high, fewer than 400 musicians can expect to find employment there, and it is a career without security, holiday pay or pension.

In London, a musician engaged in four sessions a week is entitled to £122 compared with £111 for the provinces.

The inherent job insecurity helps to account for the jealously guarded closed shop which operates by custom and practice.

Mr Brian Blain, the music promotion officer for the union, said yesterday that any member joining an orchestra would be expected to join the union or risk being boycotted by the other members.



Mr Morton: foremost at the negotiating table.

Steel firms harness ancient secrets

By Robert Matthews

A precision casting technique developed in Britain which could generate a billion-pound market world-wide is likely to be one of the first innovations to benefit from the Centre for the Exploitation of Science and Technology planned by the Government.

The process, the result of more than a decade of development by the Steel Casting Research and Trade Association of Sheffield, could rejuvenate Britain's rapidly-declining foundry industry.

It is based on the "lost wax" process, used by the ancient Egyptians to make jewellery and used by car and aircraft manufacturers to make exceptionally precise castings of complex parts. However, the new "lost foam" technique is faster, far cheaper and can be used to mass produce components.

Instead of wax, the technique uses polystyrene to make an exact replica of, for example, a car engine component. Surrounded and filled with sand, this replica vaporizes on contact with the molten metal, which then takes its place.

Very little extra work has to be done on the castings formed, and scores of precisely-cast components can be made simultaneously far cheaper than the traditional process. Although simple in principle, the "lost foam" technique has proved difficult to exploit.

Auto Alloys, of Alfreton, near Derby, is negotiating with companies in the United States and Australia about joint ventures. Mr David Fletcher, director of corporate affairs, said that Mitsubishi, of Japan, wanted to buy the company to get the technology.

Mr Fletcher said that Sir Francis Tombs, chairman of Rolls-Royce and one of the driving forces behind the proposed technology exploitation centre, has expressed great interest and wants the company to become involved in the plans to set up the centre.

Oxford beats US chess champions

The Oxford chess team beat Chicago by 6½ points to 3½ in the challenge match between the university champions and the United States Intercollegiate champions at Christ Church, Oxford (Raymond Keene writes).

Results (Oxford names first) — First round: C McNab (Queen's College) beat E Schiller; J Howell (Jesus College) beat K Thomas; N Dickenson (Hertford College) beat E Fridman; M Hazelton (St Anne's College) beat W Maddox; Dr W Guan (Balliol College) beat J Goldman.

Second round: C McNab (Queen's College) beat E Schiller; M Crabb (St Edmund Hall) drew with K Thomas; D Pugh (Exeter College) lost to E Fridman; W Philcott (Christ Church) lost to W Maddox; R Branbury (Christ Church) lost to J Goldman.

US sales push up output of Range Rover

Production of the £20,000 Range Rover will hit 520 a week in June at Land Rover's Solihull plant, a 60 per cent boost in output compared with a year ago (Our Motoring Correspondent writes).

Within two months production will have reached the rate of 24,000 a year, compared with the previous year's record of 15,500.

In March the Range Rover was launched in the American market and the company is already struggling to meet demand. one Los Angeles dealer has orders for 75 of the vehicles.

Demand for the Range Rover is also improving on the continent. Sales in Spain are up 50 per cent in the first quarter of 1987 and are expected to double to 700 this year and double again in 1988. In France and Italy, where the recently introduced diesel models have sold well, the delivery time has stretched to five months.

Gibson murders

IRA leaders planned attack

By Richard Ford

The Provisional IRA's car bomb attack which killed Northern Ireland's second most senior judge was a specially planned operation by the organization's general headquarter's staff.

Lord Justice Sir Maurice Gibson and his wife, Cecily, were the most important targets in the recent upsurge of Provisional IRA violence which the terrorists claim has "for the first time in a long, long time put the IRA out in front".

In a leading article, yesterday's issue of *Republican News*, published in Dublin, hints that the Provisionals were able to launch their attack because of the way in which the judge booked his travel plans using his name and title.

It says that the visit by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to the border earlier this week was a pathetic re-enactment which differed slightly from last weekend's attack. It adds: "Firstly, Mr King didn't book his walk through a travel agency in advance".

Using words uttered by the judge when he found three policemen not guilty of murdering a Provisional IRA terrorist the paper publishes an article under the headline "The final court of justice" to describe the attack at Killeen, Co Down, on Saturday.

In another interview published in yesterday's edition of the *Irish Press*, in Dublin, an anonymous spokesman for the Provisionals' GHQ disclosed that the Belfast brigade has been reorganized.

There has also been a reassessment of its political wing's prospects with the acceptance that it will not overtake the Social Democratic and Labour Party as the main voice of northern nationalists.

The person interviewed says it would have made no difference if an RUC escort had met Sir Maurice and his wife at the border as they returned from a holiday in southern England.

"It was not done on the spur of the moment. It would not have mattered if they had sent four RUC men. They would have been let go and Gibson would still have been got."

The increase in violence was due to re-organization of the movement in Belfast and an IRA convention, held last autumn, which brought together representatives of local units for the first time since the Provisionals were formed in 1970.

The Provisionals were now confident that its organization in the city was watertight

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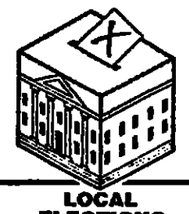
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Alliance confident of Southend win

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter



LOCAL ELECTIONS

In January a Conservative councillor in Southend, Essex, defected to the Liberal-Social Democratic Party Alliance, thereby creating a hung council and ending outright Conservative control of the seaside resort for virtually the first time in its history.

Days later the council's 16 Alliance councillors wrung from the Conservatives a referendum on a private-sector proposal to build a square-mileartificial island 300 yards offshore which would include 2,500 houses, a marina, golf course, hotel, conference centre and much besides.

Mr Norman Clarke, Conservative leader of the council, argues that the project, "the biggest of its kind in Europe", will cost the council nothing, generate enormous revenue, and create 1,000 jobs.

Mr Nicholas Hall, leader of the Alliance councillors, says he has nothing in principle against the project, but believes that the repercussions on the town of such a project would be so far-reaching the the public should be consulted.

Whether a referendum was needed, the Alliance had managed to portray itself as the party that listens to the people and that, in a nutshell, is why in next Thursday's local elections the Alliance is confident that it will become the first party other than the Conservatives to win an outright majority in Southend.

The loss of Southend, whose Conservative administration over the past few years has been a flagship for Thatcherite policies, would alarm the Conservative Central Office and the party leaders.

Equally alarmed would be Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who in an imminent general election must defend a precarious majority in Southend West.

The Conservatives in Southend are proud of their recent record. In 1981 it became the first local authority to privatize its cleaning services, and has subsequently privatized its catering and security services and the town's airport.

The privatizations are no longer a political issue. Mr Clarke says the savings are the equivalent to a 5p rate and explain why the council has during the past two years been able to reduce its rates to the level of 1984 while still spending more on other services.

He cites the artificial island as a classic example of the council's success in bringing private capital into Southend by creating favourable economic and environmental conditions

Other examples of public/private co-operation in the town include a £50 million shopping centre to be completed later this year with 500 new jobs. Unemployment, although high for the South-east at 13 per cent, is falling.

In spite of this record the Alliance — or, more accurately, the Liberals — has made spectacular progress in the town, and the reasons are obvious.

In 1981 the Liberals targeted Mr Channon's constituency as ripe for plucking, and at the 1983 general election halved his majority to 8,033.

They have embraced every local issue, however trivial, and the result is that of the last 24 district and county council elections in Southend West the Alliance has won all but two.

The degree to which the Alliance progress is based on organization and grassroots toil is evident from the fact that just one of the Southend's 16 Alliance councillors, the Conservative defector, represents a ward in Southend East, the town's other parliamentary constituency.

That is held by Mr Teddy Taylor, Conservative MP, and has not been targeted by the Alliance.

At present the council consists of 19 Conservative councillors, 16 Alliance and four Labour, meaning that the Alliance needs a net gain of four seats next Thursday to take outright control.

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'Homosexual lover chopped up and burnt Civil Servant'

A male model murdered his lover and used the dead man's credit card to buy tools to chop up the body, it was alleged yesterday.

Kingsley Rotardier, aged 45, denied murdering Dr David Hamilton, a Civil Servant, when he appeared at committal proceedings at Lambeth Magistrates' Court in London. Reporting restrictions were lifted.

Dr Hamilton, aged 56, was head of the chairman's office of the Greater London Council when he disappeared from the London home he shared with Mr Rotardier in November 1985.

Mr Rotardier, an American, told police that his lover had discovered he was suffering from Aids and had gone to Paris to seek treatment.

But Mr Julian Bevan, for the prosecution, said police became suspicious when Mr Rotardier began using Dr Hamilton's credit cards and when friends suspected letters they received had not been written by him.

Dr Hamilton was well educated, which the defendant was not, and the letters contained many Americanisms.

He said the prosecution case alleged that Mr Rotardier killed Dr Hamilton in the early hours of November 19 at his home, spent his money, and had then tried to convince the world that his victim was still alive.

Forensic scientists had produced no evidence to throw light on Dr Hamilton's death, although every avenue had been explored. His body had not been found but the prosecution was satisfied he was not alive.

Dr Hamilton, who was educated at Eton school, was an expert on Ethiopia and since 1975 had been working for the London council.

"But there was a side of his character which he preferred not to tell", Mr Bevan said. "He was a practising homosexual . . . it is clear he had a penchant for black men."

The defendant had a different background. He had given his occupation as a model, an actor, a musical composer and had at one stage been a chef. "If there was a bond, it was their homosexuality", Mr Bevan said.

It was not known why Mr Rotardier had killed Dr Hamilton but since his "death", he had spent about £3,000 on Dr Hamilton's credit cards and from bank accounts.

Mr Rotardier had told friends that his lover had fled the country after discovering he was suffering from Aids. But Mr Bevan claimed there was no evidence of this.

On the night of the disappearance, neighbours at the house the two men shared in Brixton Road, Stockwell, south London, noticed an incinerator burning in the garden in the early hours. On the same night Mr Rotardier purchased a cleaver and saw, using Dr Hamilton's credit card.

Other people living at the house had later noticed a "rotting" smell, and when police took them to a mortuary to make a comparison, they were convinced the smells were similar.

Mr Bevan said that another curious feature of the case was that Dr Hamilton had not come forward to claim £17,000 in redundancy money from the now-abolished London council and, in spite of having financial difficulties, he had not drawn from his bank account since he was alleged to have gone missing.

Mr Rotardier had told police that he bought the cleaver and saw to cut up meat.

He said Dr Hamilton had spent the day at a number of meetings. The indications were that he was well but Mr Rotardier had told police that when he arrived home Dr Hamilton was in a dreadful state and in uncontrollable tears. He claimed he had taken him to Victoria station but police inquiries established that no one of that name had travelled abroad that night.

The hearing continues today.



Mr Alan Jones, aged 23, one of only five master craftsman in Wales and the youngest by more than 20 years, repairs a 300-year-old dry stone wall 1,000 feet below the summit of Snowdon (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Inter-City comes of age with new style

British Rail yesterday announced improved services and a new look for its Inter-City services which are celebrating their twenty-first anniversary.

Electric services to Leeds from London will start next year, ahead of schedule. Norwich electric services begin on May 11, on completion of the £70 million scheme.

Two new Pullmans go into service: the Master Cutler from Sheffield to London, dropped20 years ago, is being reintroduced, and Birmingham is to have its own Pullman.

From May 11 a new Inter-City timetable starts, offering what British Rail says will be a better pattern of services and significant journey time savings.

Catering improvements were also announced with the introduction of Cuisine 2000 on certain routes.

Dr John Prideaux, Inter-City director, said Inter-City travellers were now buying 2.5 times as many British Rail sandwiches as the previous ones, so often the butt of jokes.

Last year British Rail stopped making its own sandwiches and brought in outside caterers. Dr Prideaux said: "The old image of the BR sandwich is dead".

He said that Anglo-Scottish sleeper services would leave later, travel less fast and have fewer stops, to give travellers "an even better night's rest".

Many will be rerouted down the west coast, including the Night Scotsman from Edinburgh.

A new sleeper lounge vehicle will be introduced in the summer to give overnight travellers a chance to have a drink or a light meal as well as breakfast on the train.

From May 11, to coincide with the new timetable, the term "second class" will be dropped and "standard class" used instead.

Dr Prideaux said cancellations were well under 0.5 per cent of trains run, and 77 per cent of Inter-City trains arrived on time or within five minutes of it.

He said the target for 1987 was "80 per cent within five minutes and 90 per cent within 10 minutes".

House is split with chainsaw

By Ian Smith

Frustrated by months of bickering with his estranged wife over ownership of their marital home, Mr Philip Targett, an electrician, decided the property should be split in half: literally.

With a chainsaw, he sliced through ceiling joists, pipes, and floorboards, and began to dismantle the roof.

When it collapsed into the terrace house, the only escape route for Mr Targett, aged 31, was to abseil down wiring left dangling from a window.

His wife, Eleanor, who had moved into her parents' home with the couple's daughter, aged four, and three other children from her previous marriage, arrived while her husband was demolishing the roof of their home in Essex Street, Darwen, Lancashire.

Mr Andrew Little, a building inspector who was summoned by neighbours to assess the damage and ensure that their own homes were not in danger of collapse, said: "I have never seen anything like it."

Church warning to Baker

The Church of England, which has a key stake in the English education system, is to oppose any extension of Conservative policy that would eliminate the role of local education authorities (Our Religious Affairs Correspondent writes).

Government ministers have been told "thus far and no further", and the church is supporting a national petition to underline the message.

The Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, who is chairman of the church's board of education, referred obliquely to the church's stance when he took part in the launching of the petition.

Dr Leonard said the church was not opposed to "the present policies of the present government", which church sources later interpreted as a message to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to warn the Government away from a further reduction in the importance of local education authorities.

The board of education is not resisting Mr Baker's proposals for a national curriculum, nor for the establishment of a network of city technical colleges outside local authority control. The church's main concern is about policies which had not yet been fully formulated but which have been signalled by ministers in general terms.

The bishop said he was not taking sides in a party political argument, but said: "If any party is contemplating an education system in which individual school governing bodies are responsible only to themselves and the Secretary of State, then they must realize they would be destroying an essential layer of professional support".

"But there is a still more important reason why education must remain local. It needs to be locally governed for the sake of the political health of the whole country."

The church and Aids

Precautions at communion

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

A message from the Archbishops of Canterbury and of York, reminding the clergy to take simple hygiene precautions in administering Holy Communion to prevent the spread of Aids, is to be displayed in all parish churches of the Church of England.

The message, the terms of which were published yesterday, is reassuring, and states that recent research eliminated the possibility that the Aids virus could be transmitted by saliva.

But clergy are asked to be sure that chalices used as a common cup in the distribution of Holy Communion are wiped with a cloth after use by each person. The cloth, called a purificator, should not be allowed to become sodden.

The archbishops, Dr Robert Runcie and Dr John Habgood, say they have consulted the highest medical authorities in preparing their guidelines, which are a response to fears sometimes expressed that Aids can be caught from the chalice.

Nevertheless, Aids victims are themselves especially vulnerable to infection, and they should take additional precautions.

The virus may occasionally be present in the saliva of an Aids victim, they state, but it is now known that saliva inhibits the activity of the virus, so that someone swallowing the virus will not catch the disease. There is therefore no reason to take special precautions. But they go on to list four principles the clergy should follow in administering the chalice.

The chalice should be gold, silver, or some other metal, not pottery; the rim should be wiped after use by each person, using a different part of the cloth each time; people with cuts, sores or abrasions on their lips should be allowed to receive communion either in "one kind", the host alone, or by "intinction", dipping the host in the wine.

The same should be allowed for Aids victims; and in addition to the "ritual ablution" after communion, the chalice should be thoroughly cleaned.

● Mr Roger Taylor, chief executive of Manchester City Council, told 900 delegates at a conference in York yesterday that a local government education programme was urgently needed to help to combat the threat of Aids.

Campaign on cruelty to animals

New evidence of cruelty to animals was produced yesterday to support a campaign for tougher animal welfare laws.

"We have a list of cases where animals are being mistreated but we can't do anything about it, and a list of others where people have been convicted of cruelty then been able to go out the following day and acquire another animal", Mr Mike Smithson, campaign director of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said.

"We are in a position to present some hard details of cases which are happening now, today, and which we would be able to do something about if the law was changed."

The dossier of new evidence comes on the eve of the second reading of the Bill by Mr David Sumberg, Conservative MP for Bury South, Greater Manchester, to amend the Protection of Animals Act 1911.

Mr Sumberg seeks to tackle anomalies in the law by giving police powers of entry if they suspect cruelty to an animal and enabling the courts to ban people convicted of cruelty from keeping any type of animal. The Bill was given an unopposed first reading.

Warder died trying to foil escape

Republican inmates fled from the Maze prison in Ulster on foot after prison officers used their cars to block the path of a hijacked lorry containing prisoners.

The prisoners ran from the jail moments after one of them told warders "you win, we lose", Belfast Crown Court was told yesterday.

The Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, Lord Lowry, was told that the inmates had taken control of a room where prison officers were handed their passes as part of an escape plot. They threatened the lives of prison officers with firearms and other weapons. The court was told that an officer who died during the breakout was seen running with a bloodstain on his shirt, and had shouted to colleagues "close the gate and pull the alarm".

Crown counsel told the trial of 18 men that the officer, Mr James Ferris, was chased by a prisoner wearing a prison officer's uniform. The man was armed with a gun and a second weapon.

Sixteen of the 18 men are accused of murdering Mr Ferris during the escape in September 1983. Among the defendants, who deny all 74 charges against them, are Brendan McFarlane and Gerard Kelly, who were extradited from The Netherlands last year.

The trial continues today.

Student says she was drugged and raped

An American girl student bargained with a man she claims raped and drugged her, a court was told yesterday.

The girl aged 19 wept as she told Winchester Crown Court how the man first raped her, in spite of her pleas, and then said he would drug her so he could rape her again. "I did not know what was in the syringe he produced. I did not know whether it would kill me.

"I said he should inject himself first. He did, but then he gave me three doses."

She said the man, who offered her a lift as she hitch-hiked from Cambridge to Plymouth last August, told her he wanted time to get to Exeter, and then back north again before she could be found.

She was giving evidence against an Oxford man aged 30. He denies two charges of rape, and two charges of drugging her.

The girl said they were near Salisbury, Wiltshire, when the man first said he was going to rape her. She told him: "No way".

She admitted she had returned his kisses because she hoped he would stop.

She said when he tried to kiss her again, and she tried to stop him, he became angry and said: "You know I'm going to rape you".

The girl said it was daylight when the man lifted her out of his car, put her in a sleeping bag, and laid her down behind a hedge.

The trial continues today.

Fan claims he was butted by footballer

An Everton supporter who tried to stop three Liverpool footballers beating up a teenager was butted in the face by one of them, Liverpool Crown Court was told yesterday.

Eric Albert Gower, aged 25, claimed that John McGregor butted him on the cheek when he tried to restrain him.

Mr McGregor, Paul Walsh, both aged 24, and Sammy Lee, aged 28, now of Queen's Park Rangers, plead not guilty to causing grievous bodily harm and actual bodily harm to Barry Horne, aged 19,

Under cross-examination, Mr Gower said he had been fined £100 after admitting using threatening behaviour at an Everton match in 1980.

The case continues.

Fresh fish prices tumble

There is an abundance of top quality fish available this weekend and, with the exception of salmon, all prices are down.

Haddock fillets are under £2 a lb and cod cutlets and fillets are about £1.80. There are lemon soles from £2.20 and excellent plaice at about £1.10 and conger eel about 90p a lb. Huss is down £1.20 a lb and monkfish costs about £3.50. Rainbow trout is £1.50 a lb. Fresh sardines at just over a £1 a lb, sword fish from £3.40 and herrings and mackerel at 75p a lb. Also well barbecue well.

spring lambs coming on to the market. The price of whole legs ranges from £1.68 to £3.88 a lb. Some beef prices have risen 2 or 3p a lb but pork is stable.

There is a grand selection of fresh fruit to choose from at the greengrocer but strawberries from Spain and Carmel at 45-65p a ½lb punnet will surely be the star buy. Black Barlinka grapes at 70-95p a lb are delicious and possibly better quality than the white Thompson seedless variety which are incidentally more expensive from 90-£1.30 a lb. Avocados at 24-60p each are plentiful.

areas. Mushrooms are between 40-65p a ½lb.

The best salad buys are cucumber at 50-75p each, spring onions, 20-35p a bunch, celery 40-60p a head, home grown and Dutch hothouse tomatoes 65-95p a lb. Lettuce for some reason has become very expensive particularly Iceburg which is now £1.25 in some shops.

Best Buys: Asda home produced fresh pork chops 99p a lb and rib of beef £1.35 a lb; Tesco New Zealand leg of lamb £1.19 a lb and British leg of pork 98p a lb; Dewhurst New Zealand lamb chops £1.20 a lb and a 4lb family pack of braising steak, ground

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PARLIAMENT

Scotch ban brings attack

Criticizing Japan's discrimination against Scotch whisky exports from the United Kingdom, Lord Williams of Elvel, told peers from the Opposition front bench that the Japanese "are not impressed by British ministerial statements, by visits from British ministers to Tokyo uttering dire threats like a latter day King Lear".

The Japanese were impressed only by action, he said during questions about discrimination against whisky. "Either the Government is to take action or it should keep quiet."

Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told him: "It is in our best interests to persuade the Japanese to open their markets".

The Japanese trade minister would be talking today to the Prime Minister, to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and to Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to try to break this deadlock.

Boom town Harlow

The success of the Government's economic policies had made Harlow a boom town with one of the lowest rates of unemployment in the South of England, Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C) said during question time in the Commons.

"I ask how Mr Hattersley had the nerve to come into my constituency and unveil a plan for 1,000 new jobs, the majority of which would be created by the local authority which, at the moment, is Labour-controlled and is crippling my local industry?"

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, congratulated Mr Hayes on his work in Harlow, which would ensure that he represented the constituency after the next election, against the activities of the local council, which had been consistently anti-business and anti-industry, as had so many Labour councils up and down the country.

Concern over the Specials

Peers expressed concern in the Lords when they heard that the strength of the Metropolitan Police Special Constabulary was down.

The Earl of Caithness, a Government spokesman, said that the strength had declined from 2,017 at the end of 1977 to 1,490 now.

He denied a suggestion by Lord Mellish (Ind Lab) that nothing was being done about the fall in strength and said that recruiting was being encouraged by posters, newspaper advertisements and public displays. A new recruitment video had nearly been completed.

He believed that the work being given to the Specials was sufficiently challenging and was not dull or uninspiring. In fact, more Specials were resigning to join the regular police force.

Interest in 'profit' pay

More than 3,500 employers have registered with the Inland Revenue their interest in profit-related pay, Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during question time.

Mr Richard Hickmet (Glanford and Scunthorpe, C) said that the attraction of profit-related pay for those who worked in an industry was that it gave them a share in that industry and in its profits.

Mr Lawson said that he would go further. There were two distinct benefits, in that it produced better labour relations and introduced greater flexibility to the pay system.

Cholesterol 'privacy'

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) is to look into claims that a lobby correspondent has been compiling a list of MPs' cholesterol levels.

Mrs Ann Clwyd (Cynon Valley, Lab), who named the correspondent as Mr Mike Steele, said that while there ought to be more frequent mobile screening available in the House not only for MPs but others who worked there the results ought to be confidential.

The information ought to be private to MPs and ought not to be used now or in the future by lobby correspondents, she said.

M & S ways are praised

Officials at the Department of Trade and Industry were meeting chief executives of important companies to encourage more of them to follow the good example of Marks and Spencer which had combined a thoroughly commercial approach with a high level of UK sourcing, Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, said during an adjournment debate late on Wednesday on the promotion of British made goods.

Car imports

British car exports to Japan in the 12 months ended in February were worth £24 million, but imports of Japanese cars were worth £817 million, *Mr John Butcher*, Under-Secretary of State for Trade, said in a written reply.

Government stays silent on Westland and MI5

PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister refused to be drawn into making any further comment on either the Westland affair or the allegations of an MI5 plot to undermine the Wilson Government when answering questions in the Commons.

Mr Roy Jenkins (Glasgow, Hillhead, SDP), who was Home Secretary in the Wilson Government, said that he recognized that the Prime Minister was bound to attach considerable importance to the views of Sir James Callaghan on the subject of an MI5 inquiry.

But, on reflection, would she repudiate the extraordinary constitutional doctrine she had appeared to be propounding on Tuesday that the activities of a permanent government agency, however monstrous they might be alleged to be, could not be inquired into once there was a change of Government?

Mrs Thatcher replied that she had nothing further to add to the replies she had already given on the subject.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) wanted to know if allegations made in a recent *World In Action* programme about the law officers' letter in the Westland affair were true.

The programme had suggested that the Attorney General (Sir Michael Havers) summoned the Cabinet Secretary (Sir Robert Armstrong) to confront him with the prospect of New Scotland Yard police at No 10 with the DTI unless she agreed to an inquiry.

Mrs Thatcher said that she realized that Mr Dalyell would go on asking these questions, but nothing could conceal the poverty of his policy and she had nothing further to add on the subject.

Mr George Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab): I was one of the eight million viewers who heard the respected reporter James Naughtie [chief political correspondent of *The Guardian*] — (loud laughter) ... Well, he went to the same school as I did ... (renewed laughter) — who heard Naughtie confirm that the centre of the operation for releasing the Solicitor General's letter was No 10.

Can the Prime Minister therefore tell us why only selective parts of that letter were released? Was it because No 10 considered that Chris Moncrieff's [chief political reporter of the Press Association] shorthand was not good enough to take down all of it (renewed laughter)?

Mrs Thatcher: His source did not go to the same school as I did and I am not responsible for it.

● During questions about business for next week, **Mr Dale Campbell-Savours** (Workington, Lab), said: Is it not extraordinary that while the Attorney General (Sir Michael Havers) was willing to bring actions against the *London Daily News*, *Evening Standard* and *The Independent*, he has failed to bring action against Independent Television News (ITN), which repeated all the allegations in *The Independent* during its bulletins on Monday at 1pm, 6pm and 10 pm.

Would he deny that ministers met and that the Attorney General took the decision to bring no action against ITN because they were worried it would be seen as an attempt to censor ITN?

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, promised to convey to the Attorney General the dissatisfaction that his conduct had incurred.

Mr Tam Dalyell asked that the Attorney General should make a statement saying whether he told the Secretary of the Cabinet, Sir Robert Armstrong, that he would confront him with police officers from New Scotland Yard if he did not agree to an inquiry.

Mr Biffen said that he would see that the question was put to the Attorney General.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab): There is a great deal of pressure from Opposition MPs for a statement to be made about allegations that up to 30 MI5 officers were involved in subversion and treachery. If the Government professes itself in favour of the rule of law and parliamentary democracy, how can he take such a dismissive attitude?

Mr Biffen: The Government position has been made clear.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) asked for a debate on MI5 and allegations about its attempt to destabilize the Wilson and Callaghan governments.

"Perhaps it would provide Mr Callaghan with a wonderful opportunity to tell us who was being protected and why."

Mr Biffen referred him to earlier replies.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C): As part of the Labour Party smear-a-day campaign, apparently Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) has put it about that Airey Neave plotted with MI5 to bump him off. Is it likely? Is he not much more useful to us alive than dead?

Mr Biffen: I was not aware of these rather exotic developments in the national debate, and I cannot make an adequate reply, except that if I hang around, I might hear much more.

WHITEHALL THEATRE



Mr Roy Jenkins and Mr Tam Dalyell who failed to persuade Mrs Thatcher to tell them more.

MPs add to election pressure

MPs put pressure on the Government in the Commons for an early general election, but were countered by others who urged that legislation, particularly the Criminal Justice Bill, which has taken much parliamentary time, should be completed.

Mr David Alton, the Liberal Chief Whip, chose business questions to urge to Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, that existing business should be completed before dissolution, in particular the Criminal Justice Bill, which had already taken up 36 sittings [the Bill is now being considered by the House of Lords].

It would be an incredible waste of time, he said, if it were not now enacted, whatever the view about its merits.

Mr Biffen declined to comment.

Sir Kenneth Lewis (Stamford and Spalding, C): This House has spent a lot of time and trouble putting through the Criminal Justice Bill. Will the Government do all it can to complete this Bill? I am prepared to give up some of my extended summer holiday — which I may not get — to get the Bill through in this Parliament.

Mr Biffen: I note his full-hearted concern.

Mr David Harris (St Ives, C): Will Mr Biffen agree that this Parliament has reached virtually the end of its natural life. (Some shouts of "No")?

Mr Biffen: That does not require a reply from me.

Rowdy House senses an approaching election

MPs were in a rowdy pre-election mood during Prime Minister's question time, each noisily cheering their own side and deriding their opponents.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill), attempting to restore order, said that he realized that they were getting close to "an exciting time" (laughter) and **Mrs Margaret Thatcher** gave nothing away about when she referred to "events which will come about within the next 15 months or so".

Loud laughter from the Labour benches interrupted **Mrs Anna McCurley** (Renfrew, West and Inverclyde, C) when she asked the Prime Minister to confound the dismal Jimmies by confirming that Scotland's economic performance was one of the success stories that would continue if a Conservative Government was re-elected.

Mrs Thatcher agreed. The recent CBI survey, relating to England, Wales and Scotland, she said, had shown a level of optimism not seen for a very long time. The report of the top 50 companies in Scotland was also excellent and unemployment was now falling.

Mr Philip Oppenheim (Amber Valley, C) said that when the Prime Minister was considering Government policy on local government expenditure she should reflect on the fact that Derbyshire County Council had recently announced a programme of huge spending increases in line with Labour pledges and then suddenly withdrawn those plans.

Could Mrs Thatcher think of any possible reason or event in the near future which might have influenced that decision (laughter)?

Mrs Thatcher said that Derbyshire was the highest-rated county in England and that was very damaging to business in an area which needed more jobs, and highly damaging to domestic ratepayers. The council might have had that in mind when deciding to change their plans, as well as events which would come about within the next 15 months or so.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) said that many of his constituents in the West Midlands were trade unionists and many of them were supporters of his (laughter and cheers).

There had been a tremendous change in attitudes on the shop floor as a result of Government legislation, involving such things as no-strike agreements and the end of the closed shop, and a much more realistic attitude among workers, many of whom were capitalists who owned their houses and owned shares (renewed cheering).

Mrs Thatcher: I agree. Our trade union reforms have helped to transform the climate for business in this country. We now have the lowest number of days lost through disputes in 20 years and it is our reforms, and the way trade unionists have responded, which is in part responsible for the excellent optimistic business survey this week.

Under this Government I am delighted that far more trade unionists own their own homes and shares.

● **Mrs Thatcher** spoke stongly in favour of her Government's policies towards the teachers and nurses during Prime Minister's question time.

Mr Gerald Howarth (Cannock and Burntwood, C) had asked: Would she not agree that, in implementing promptly and in full the recommended 9.5 per cent pay increase for nurses, the Government has demonstrated its continuing commitment to improving the lot of the nursing profession, which has grown by 30,000 under this Government?

He also said that there could be no justification for lightning strikes by teachers, as was happening in his constituency, when the Government had awarded them a 25 per cent average increase. That was far more than many of his constituents in manufacturing industry had been able to secure.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes I agree. Under the last Labour Government, nurses' pay actually fell in terms of what it would purchase. Under this Government, nurses' pay has gone up by 30 per cent over and above the rate of inflation, and teachers have also done very well. Their pay has gone up by 27 per cent over and above the rate of inflation.

Murray attacks unions Green Paper as 'based on misrepresentation'

The following report of a Lords debate on the Government's Green Paper, "Trade Unions and their Members", was reported in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

The Green Paper was not based on any analysis of industrial relations or trade unions but on misunderstanding and misrepresentation, *Lord Murray of Epping Forest*, former general secretary of the TUC, said during *the* debate.

"In this document we have a collection of seconds, as it were, pulled from under the counter, only slightly used, put together by some Arthur Daley of the second-hand Green Paper trade.

"What the writers of the Green Paper were concerned with was to throw out the baby of trade unionism, but to keep the bathwater of exploitation by unscrupulous employers."

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) opening the debate, said that the Government was seeking views on the future of the trade unions, from all quarters. The debate would enable members of the House to take part in that process.

The document had already been dismissed by the TUC as "a charter of harassment", but he hoped that peers would not take a similar view.

The Green Paper was concerned almost exclusively with the balance of power between the union officers, committees and leaders on the one hand, and the union membership on the other. The object running through the proposals was to restore control of the unions to their members.

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said that the Green Paper was designed to correct undoubted abuses, by proposing protections for individual union members that would guarantee what they were entitled to expect as members of self-proclaimed democratic, voluntary organizations in a free society.

Lord Murray, from the Opposition front bench, said that the passage of trade union legislation seemed to have been marked more by the considerations and interests of class than of nation.

It was suggested that the result of the proposals would be to increase the freedom of the individual. On the contrary, the result would be to reduce the opportunity of the employee

"The impression that has been created is that this is a response to a great surge of popular demand from working people. But where is this great surge of demand from working people?"

While holding no brief for Mr Arthur Scargill, the proposals on balloting for union officials was likely to increase support for him among his members. It seemed that the proposals were almost designed to bring the law itself into disrepute.

"The danger of the Government's approach is that it could well provoke an equal and opposite reaction leading to ping-pong legislation in the trade union and industrial relations field and that would not be good for industrial relations, for industry or our society."

Lord Rochester (L), speaking for the Alliance, asked if it was really the time to be embarking on further union legislation. To judge from the response of the Institute of Personnel Management, it was not.

It was difficult not to suspect that the Government was less concerned with gradual improvements to industrial relations than with a desire to cripple the effectiveness of trade unions.

The Bishop of Manchester, the Right Rev Stanley Booth-Clibborn, said that individual rights were important, but so too were group rights. One could not accept a situation where individuals simply contracted out.

Lord Bannett, former general secretary of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Unions, in a maiden speech, said that the Green Paper claimed that the improvements in industrial relations included the avoidance of unnecessary industrial action.

Plans to increase VAT rate denied

There were no plans to raise the rate of value-added tax to the 25 per cent reached under the last Labour Government, Mrs Margaret Thatcher confirmed in answer to **Mr John Maples** (Lewisham West, C) during Prime Minister's question time, adding that nor were there any plans to put VAT on food.

Earlier, the Government had been repeatedly challenged during Treasury questions in the Commons to state its future intentions on the rate of VAT to be imposed on items now zero-rated.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, asked if the Government would veto any imposition by the European Commission to put VAT on food, fuel, children's clothing and new building.

Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, replied that the Commission had not put forward any such proposals.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) asked why papers concerning the extension of VAT in Britain had been withdrawn from a meeting of EEC finance ministers.

Mr Stewart replied he could ask whatever questions he liked of the Commission. "As far as the Government is concerned, our policy is to reduce taxation, the Labour Party's is to increase it, and I am sorry they have to resort to repeated smears to cover up the fact they are the party of high taxation and we are the party to reduce it."

Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab) said that it was becoming increasingly clear that the Conservative Party intended to fight the next election on two manifestos, an openly published one and a secret manifesto in which there would be proposals to increase the rate of VAT and extend its scope to food and other products.

Mr Stewart: We shall certainly fight the next election on two manifestos, ours and yours. Our manifesto will be of great assistance, but I think the Opposition party manifesto will be of even greater assistance to us.

House of Lords

Medical research 'in crisis'

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

A House of Lords' committee was warned yesterday that medical research is in crisis because of gross underfunding of applied and basic science.

Professor Sir David Weatherall, head of the Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine, Oxford University, called for a commission to examine the future of academic medicine which had lost direction and reaching a stage of organizational chaos.

Much of medical education was based on archaic principles and ossified institutional structures incapable of moving with the times.

He said: "It is a great shame that we are facing this crisis at a time when the basic sciences are offering us the possibility of making the next 50 years the most exciting and productive for medical research."

He told the committee, which is investigating priorities in medical research, that the increasingly rigid and bureaucratic training of medical researchers is stifling a great deal of Britain's best talent.

British clinical academic departments were also too small and too poorly supported to take advantage of recent advances in basic sciences. Certain "Cinderella" subjects were suffering, such as the management of an increasingly elderly population, terminal care, rheumatic diseases and psychogeriatrics.

He said that it was very difficult to tackle the question of the balance between different branches of research when overall funding was at its lowest ebb.

"The clinical researchers have been hit by the cuts in the NHS, and university departments are being denuded of the staff required to run the well found laboratory.

"It is difficult to discuss priorities when the whole financial base for medical research is eroded to this level. All that the research councils and charitable organizations can do is to attempt to back excellence. They have virtually no room for manoeuvre to promote particular areas.

"This is an extremely dangerous situation because it tends to encourage programmes that look as though they might have immediate feedback and discourages more long-term basic science."

It was a disgrace, for instance, that Britain was now lagging behind in biotechnology after leading the field for so many years, he said. This was not just bad for medical research but also bad for the British economy.

There was also an enormous time lag between discovering new treatments and passing them on to the patient. Because of the way the NHS was organized there seemed to be a genuine communication problem between the basic researcher and those who direct health policy.

He praised the present dual support system for funding university research.

The longer Mrs Thatcher refuses to appoint an inquiry into the MI5 allegations the more she is creating a totally unnecessary political embarrassment for herself. So long as the issue is what was done in the mid-1970s she is completely in the clear. As soon as the issue becomes what is not being done now she puts herself in the firing line.

She has emphasized that she bears no responsibility for what occurred before she came to power in 1979, without seeming to appreciate the significance of her own words. Whatever might be revealed about MI5 activities under the Wilson Government would not touch her directly.

Some Conservatives fear that they could suffer indirectly. There might be a wave of sympathy for Labour if it could be proved that the party was treated outrageously when it previously held office. The Conservatives, so it is said, might be tainted by guilt through association, on the basis that the enemies of their enemies must be their friends.

All of this sounds pretty far fetched to me. One would need a lurid imagination to suppose that a bunch of MI5 mavericks was being programmed by Conservative Central Office. I see no reason why the present Government should be hurt by any inquiry into the alleged MI5 undermining of the Wilson Administration.

In any case, there would be no chance of the inquiry's being completed before a June election. Mrs Thatcher would be able to proclaim not only her innocence, which would be self evident, but also her rigour.

"Although I have no ministerial responsibility for events which occurred before this Government came to office", she could say, "I am determined to ensure in the national interest that if there was any wrongdoing it should be thoroughly investigated." That would be good government and shrewd politics.

But when she refuses to hold an inquiry she provokes bewilderment and suspicion. Her explanations are not even logically consistent. She says that she is not responsible for what happened before she came to office, and that an inquiry is not required because one has already been conducted under the Callaghan premiership.

Yet these arguments cancel each other out. If she is washing her hands of events before May 1979 it is irrelevant that an inquiry was held two years beforehand. If she is basing her stand on the inquiry then she is in fact taking account of what happened before 1979, and the adequacy of that investigation is a material factor now.

Nor has she refrained on other occasions from concerning herself with events before she took over. That inhibition did not restrain her from pronouncing on the innocence of Sir Roger Hollis or the guilt of Anthony Blunt.

When what is presented as a general principle is observed so selectively it is perplexing. Why has she been resisting pressure which it must be in her political interest to accept?

She cannot have anything to hide herself, but might she be listening too much to those who have? Is she displaying a lack of sympathy and understanding because neither she nor any person or cause in which she believes could have been affected by the alleged conspiracy?

Is she once again demonstrating that she has a curious insensitivity to constitutional niceties? Is she unable to understand that these things do matter? Or is she simply being stubborn?

These are the sort of doubts that are being aroused by her negative response. They do not amount to a political crisis. But the episode conveys an impression of clumsy and complacent government. It is the kind of development that is most likely to upset those voters who are wavering between the Conservatives and the Alliance.

Historians are unlikely to point to this controversy as the deciding factor in the coming election. But it is a strange approach to the art of political leadership to go in search of a tripwire.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

Britain must follow US lead

AUSTRIA

It was incontestable that Dr Kurt Waldheim, President of Austria, had lied consistently about his war record and proved himself totally unfit to hold public office, Mr Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge, C) said during business questions.

He said that he had seen documents relating to the case, and there was differentiation between allegations which had never been tried in court.

It was an interesting story why they had never been brought to court.

"Surely this Government can recognize the feelings of outrage which have occurred, and follow the lead given by others."

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab), a former Home Secretary, had raised the matter when he said that the American Department of Justice and State Department had jointly received information from the Anti-Nazi Tracking Unit on the basis of which Dr Waldheim was not to be allowed to go to the Untied States unless he went as President of Austria.

There was important information available which was relevant to activities in the United Kingdom.

The Government should ask for that information to be provided so that it could make its own judgement.

Mr Greville Janner (Leicester West, Lab): It is the responsibility of the Home Secretary to decide whether this evil man should be allowed into the United Kingdom.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): We do not cast reflections on the presidents of governments with which we have friendly relations.

Mr Janner: ... whether or not President Waldheim, or any other such person, should be allowed into the United Kingdom. Can we have a statement?

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, promised to refer the matter to the Home Secretary.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab): Has Mr Biffen seen my early day motion regarding this scoundrel?

The Speaker: He must withdraw that. It is not in accordance with our procedures.

Mr Winnick: I believe he is a scoundrel, but if I am not allowed to say it in the Chamber I withdraw it, but only as far as the Chamber is concerned.

Mr Biffen said that the Government's position had been made clear.

Parliament next week

Monday is a Bank holiday.

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Tuesday: Proceedings on Chevening Estate Bill. Landlord and Tenant (No 2) Bill, remaining stages. Motion relating to Education (School Teachers' Pay and Conditions of Employment) Order.

Wednesday: Debate on the security situation in Northern Ireland.

Thursday: Banking Bill, Lords amendments. Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Bill, remaining stages. City of Westminster Bill, second reading.

Friday: Private members' Bills: Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill, Tobacco Smoking (Public Places) Bill, Coal Mining Subsidence Bill, second readings.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Tuesday: Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, report, third day.

Wednesday: Debate on post-school education.

Thursday: Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Bill, committee.

Friday: Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, second reading.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills: Companies (Audit Committees) Bill, Human Rights Bill, and Housing (Houses in Multiple Occupation) Bill, second readings.

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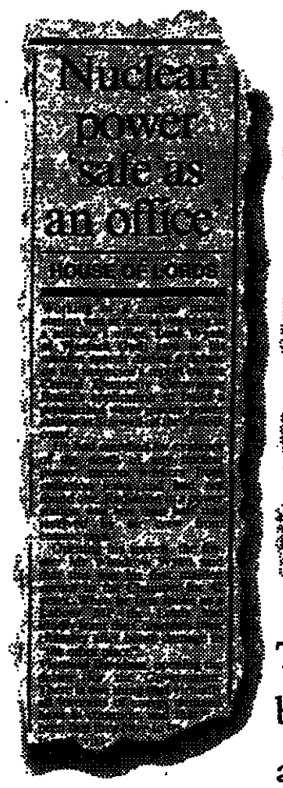
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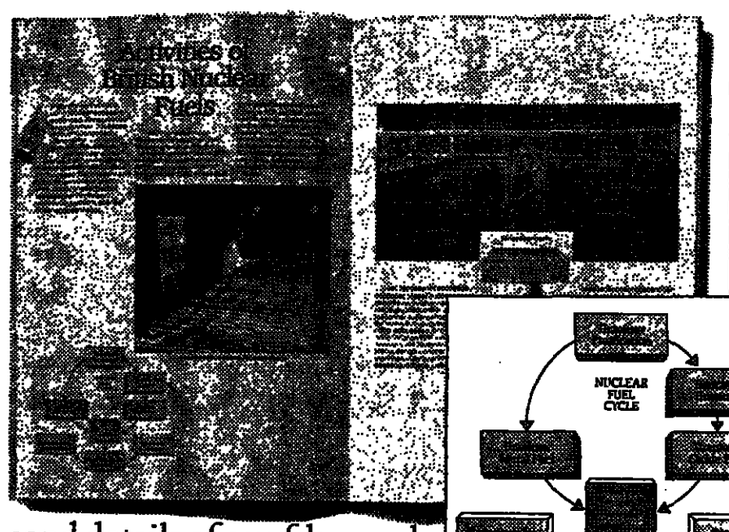
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Ferry men switched bow duty for tea breaks, inquiry told

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Responsibility for closing the doors on Townsend Thoresen's cross-Channel ferries depended on which member of the crew wanted a cup of tea, the inquiry into the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster off Zeebrugge was told yesterday.

Mr Max Potterton, deputy bosun on the ferry on which nearly 200 people were killed, told Mr Robert Owen, QC, representing the crew, that he sometimes shut the doors when Mr Marc Stanley, the assistant bosun, asked him to, or sometimes he offered to do it.

Mr Owen: "In what circumstances would that happen?"

Mr Potterton: "I might want a cup of tea and he will shut the doors, or he might want a cup of tea and I will shut the doors. We are both capable of doing it."

Mr Potterton said warning lights on the control panel to indicate the doors were shut were unreliable.

He added: "I always checked visually to make sure they were engaged.

"Occasionally there was trouble closing the bow doors. An engineer would come to fix them, and in the meantime the ship would not proceed to sea."

Mr Potterton's evidence came after the court of inquiry in London was told again that Townsend Thoresen rejected a request from a ferry master for warning lights to be installed on the bridge.

Replying to Mr Charles Haddon-Cave, representing the victims, survivors and their families, Mr Potterton said he once had trouble closing the doors because the "dogs" which brought them together would not allow the doors to meet.

He knew they were not shut because "you can see the gap".

He reported that to the bridge by telephone and an engineer was detailed to fix them "fairly quickly", he said.

On that occasion the ship had left its moorings but "heaved to" and did not put to sea.

Mr Potterton told Miss Belinda Bucknall, counsel for the Herald's master, Captain David Lewry, that it was important to make sure the bow doors were closed before the ship went to sea.

Everybody on the ship knew that, he agreed. Asked if the issue was taken seriously, he replied: "Of course."

Miss Bucknall: "Did the Herald ever sail or put to sea with bow doors open on G Deck?"

Mr Potterton: "No, never".

Miss Bucknall: "Would you agree with me that it is a good idea to close the bow doors on G Deck as soon as loading is completed if you can do it?"

Mr Potterton: "Yes, certainly". Asked why, he replied: "Because I finish my duties and I can get off the deck".

Second Officer Paul Morter gave the court the first detailed account of what happened on the bridge as the ferry capsized after it left Zeebrugge for Dover.

He had been released from his duties on the bridge for a meal break as the vessel left the harbour.

He told the inquiry he was examining the menu with colleagues. "I heard a dull thud and felt a slight tremor. These alerted my senses.

"Then I realized the ship was heeling to port as if turning to starboard. I realized something abnormal was happening and I dashed for the bridge.

"I saw the master by the ship's console. By this time I had to hang on to stop myself sliding to port.

"I recall seeing the chief officer falling from starboard to port as the heel increased. The port bridge was going into the water.

"I recall hearing alarm bells and hearing the master give the orders to close the bow watertight doors.

"Water was coming up the bridge front window. Water was pouring into the bridge.

"I recall water coming up the stairs from B deck. I then fell into the water inside the bridge.

"After an indeterminate time under water I surfaced near the steering console. I heard Ostend radio repeatedly calling the Herald of Free Enterprise."

Mr Morter was eventually pulled from the bridge by crew members and taken to safety.

Earlier Mr Morter said that if he had been in charge of the vehicle loading deck, he would have checked that the assistant bosun had arrived to close the bow doors before leaving the car deck.

He told the court that the chief officer of the ferry had taken over responsibility for completing the loading of the ship, and had thus become responsible for checking that the bow doors were closed before she sailed.

But the doors were not closed and just outside the harbour the ferry capsized with water pouring on to the car deck.

Mr Morter told how as loading proceeded he had gone to the car deck and taken over from Mr Leslie Sable, the chief officer.

However, shortly before loading was completed Mr Sable had unexpectedly returned.

Mr Morter did not at that stage speak to the chief officer, but he told the inquiry: "I was aware of the situation that he had taken over the loading on the deck.

"He was in communication with the shore by radio and he was directing traffic and instructing the crew in the storage of the vehicles."

A little later Mr Morter said that Mr Sable had ordered "harbour stations" to be called in preparation for the ferry to sail.

The hearing continues today.



Miss Fiona Pinnells (top left) who, with her fiancé, Mr Jonathan Reynolds and her younger sister, Heidi, died in the ferry disaster. Mrs Evelyn Pinells (right) and her two other children survived, but the youngsters are now afraid to go on holiday anywhere near water.

Company will be 'generous'

By David Sapsted

Parents shocked to discover that a statutory £3,500 "price tag" existed on the lives of schoolchildren drowned in the Zeebrugge ferry disaster were yesterday assured by P & O that compensation would be much more generous.

A spokesman for the company, owners of Townsend Thoresen, also promised that the firm would not try to hide behind a legal loophole which, in theory, meant that no money would have to be paid out on sons and daughters aged over 18.

"We accept that the law is ridiculous in relation to children. Each case will be looked at individually, but I can assure you that they will be treated very sympathetically and very quickly. We have never contemplated limiting compensation to the legal maximum", the spokesman said.

P & O criticized the *Daily Mirror* which suggested yesterday that compensation would be limited to the common law maximum of £3,500 for youngsters aged under 18, and nothing at all for victims over 18.

Mr Timothy Raison, MP for Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, and a former Conservative Home Office minister, wrote to Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, yesterday asking him to "urgently consider the question of compensation relating to children killed in the disaster".

The move came after an appeal to the MP by Mrs Evelyn Pinnells, of Bedgrove, Aylesbury. She and two of her four children survived the catastrophe, but she lost two daughters when the Herald of Free Enterprise capsized.

In the wake of the story in the *Daily Mirror*, Mrs Pinnells feared that – apart from an ex-gratia payment of £2,000 – Townsend Thoresen would offer only £3,500 for the loss of her daughter, Heidi, aged 14, and nothing for the death of Fiona, aged 20, whose fiancé, Mr Jonathan Reynolds, aged 20, of Banbury, Oxfordshire, also died in the ferry.

Mrs Pinnells, who is a divorcée, said yesterday: "I was devastated when I heard that this was the legal maximum. I have lost Heidi's maintenance and child allowance, and Fiona's contribution to the household expenses was vital.

Since the disaster, Mrs Pinnells and her two surviving children – Wayne, aged 12, and Amanda, aged 17 – have relived the disaster nightly. They have cancelled a family holiday in Devon because the children are now afraid to go near water.

Sisters attack 'profits quest'

By Ian Smith

Tearful relatives of one of the seamen who died on board the Herald of Free Enterprise yesterday demanded the immediate withdrawal from service of all roll-on, roll-off ferries, and a parliamentary inquiry into the disaster.

Sue and Carol Haney dismissed the Board of Trade investigation now under way as a sham. Their brother, Geoff, aged 31, a second chef, was killed when the ferry capsized.

They want an independent government-ordered inquiry whose panel would comprise politicians, trade union officials, and relatives of the Zeebrugge victims.

The sisters described the disaster as a direct and inevitable result of Townsend Thoresen's quest for profits. They accuse both the Government and ferry company of being aware of inherent dangers in the design of the ferries.

Miss Carol Haney said: "To carry out remedial work on the ships would mean a 25 per cent cut in company profits and would reduce their income to £131 million a year.

A memorial service for their brother is being held tonight in Oldham, Lancashire.

Brokers jump the gun over sale of ship

Brokers have put the Herald of Free Enterprise up for sale without instructions from Townsend Thoresen and without permission from the Belgian courts who technically own the vessel.

Mr Peter Ford, chairman of Townsend Thoresen, yesterday said the brokers were acting "off their own bat".

Mr Nick Richards, for the shipping charterers, Anderson Hughes, said: "It's quite normal for brokers to pick up ideas that a boat is for sale and put it on their list. Then when it does come up for sale genuinely, they've already got a buyer interested."

Corporal is guilty of assault on recruit

A Royal Marines weapons instructor who butted a 6ft 3in recruit was dismissed the service and ordered to be detained for 112 days by a court martial yesterday. He was also reduced to the ranks.

Corporal Derrick Pinington, aged 26, was found guilty of assaulting Marine Gary Sanderson, a Navy boxing champion, causing actual bodily harm.

Pinington intervened in a barrack room argument and broke the recruit's nose, sending the nasal bone a quarter of an inch into his skull.

The hearing at Lympstone, Devon, was told that Pinington, from Morecambe, Lancashire, had been found guilty of three previous offences – fighting, criminal damage and assault.

The incident happened after recruits returned from a drinking spree. Pinington, who denied the charges, told the court he had acted in self-defence.

Verdict and sentence are subject to confirmation.

Taxidermist accused over golden eagle

A taxidermist was accused yesterday of dealing in rare, stuffed wild birds, including a golden eagle, and rare birds eggs.

In a linked case W. and F. C. Bonham & Sons, a London auction house, was accused of having a stuffed golden eagle.

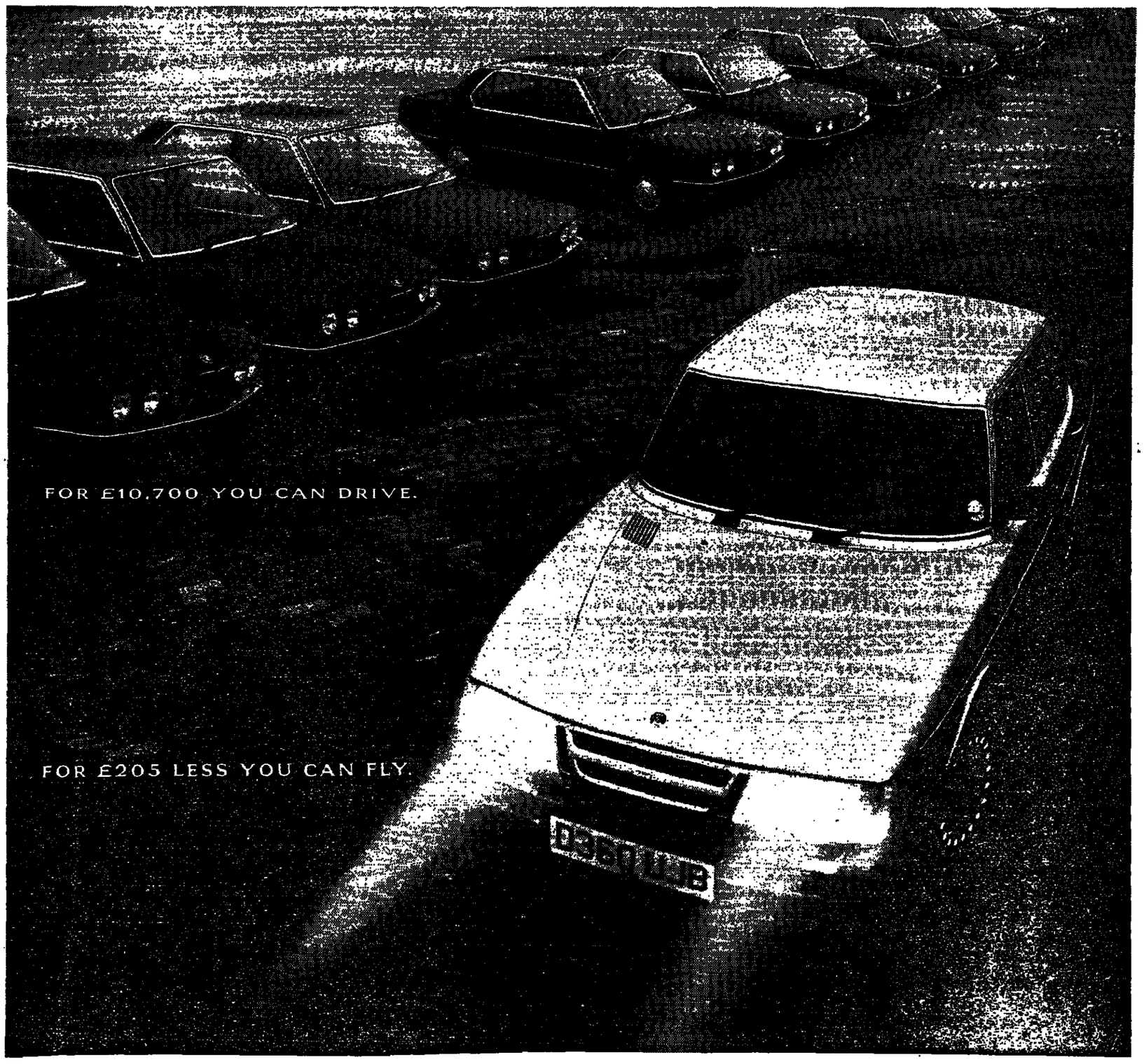
Kenneth Everett, of Trefusis Close, Truro, Cornwall, faces 20 summonses brought by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds under the Wildlife and Country Act, 1981. Each summons carries a maximum penalty of £2,000.

The hearing at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, central London, was adjourned until September 1.

Death trial

A couple whose daughter died in a car driven by a family friend yesterday won their battle to have her prosecuted for causing their daughter's death by dangerous driving. Magistrates at Reading, Berkshire, committed Mrs Leona Moxon-Tritsch, of Streatley, for trial.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Pope calls for aid to the deprived

Bonn – The Pope flew into West Germany yesterday on his second visit in seven years and called for solidarity and support for people who had to leave their homelands on racial, religious or ethnic grounds (John England writes). He said that Edith Stein, the Jewish-born nun who died in a Nazi concentration camp, and Rupert Mayer, a Jesuit priest who was persecuted by the Gestapo, both of whom he will beatify during his visit, were symbols for those deprived of their rights whom West Germany must continue to help.

He said he hoped that the common witness of faith of all Christians would lead gradually to an increasingly deeper unity of the Christian churches and communities.

Protest by Austria

Vienna (Reuter) – Herr Alois Mock, the Austrian Foreign Minister, yesterday summoned the US Ambassador to protest against the ban on President Waldheim entering the United States. Herr Mock emphasized that allegations Dr Waldheim took part in wartime persecution were unfounded.

Dr Waldeim was yesterday invited to visit Hungary despite the fact that the invitation could upset the Jewish community there.

First witness

Washington – Major-General Richard Secord, the retired Air Force general, will be the first witness when congressional hearings into the Iran arms scandal open on Tuesday (Michael Binyon writes). He will testify without immunity.

General Secord will be the first of about 50 witnesses to be called and he will be followed by Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser.

Barbie's legal aid

Lyons – Maître Jacques Bergès, the lawyer defending Klaus Barbie, whose trial for war crimes starts in two weeks' time, said yesterday that he was providing his services free of charge because his client had no financial means of his own (Diana Geddes writes).

He estimated that his expenses and loss of earnings during the eight weeks of the trial would amount to around £61,000.

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Mahathir sacks seven

Kuala Lumpur – Datuk Seri Mahathir Muhammad, the Malaysian Prime Minister, yesterday left for a two-week holiday after sacking three ministers and four deputy ministers following the resignation of Tunku Razaleigh Hamzah, the Trade and Industry Minister, and Datuk Rais Yatim, the Foreign Minister (M.G.G. Pillai writes).

Tunku Razaleigh had come within 43 votes of defeating Dr Mahathir in an election in the United Malays National Organization, the main party in the ruling National Front coalition. Datuk Rais and those sacked are aligned with him.

Moscow date

Paris (Reuter) – M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, yesterday announced that his long-scheduled visit to Moscow, which he hopes will boost his Government's flagging fortunes, will take place on May 14 to 16. His talks with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, will focus mainly on prospects for agreements to withdraw Soviet and American medium-range and shorter-range nuclear missiles from Europe.

Ambush remands

Cypriot police now believe they have arrested all three men directly involved in last week's ambush of a British Army Land-Rover but said they were still looking for a possible "mastermind" who may have directed the attack (Nicholas Beeston writes).

Yesterday three Arabs, suspected of being Libyans travelling on false passports, were remanded in custody for eight days by a court in Limassol.

Final mystery tour

Geneva (Reuter) – Sherlock Holmes fans began a 10-day pilgrimage to Switzerland yesterday to mark the 100th birthday of the fictional detective. Led by "Holmes" himself, clad in tweeds and deer stalker, the 71 members of the Sherlock Holmes Society, all in Victorian costume, stepped off a plane here to re-enact what the author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle intended to be his last Holmes story.

Finland's right-wing Cabinet announced

From Olli Kivinen, Helsinki

Finland's first Conservative Prime Minister since the war, *Mr Harri Holkeri*, was sworn in yesterday. His four party coalition won 131 of the 200 seats in the general election.

Mr Holkeri's coalition includes the Conservatives, Social Democrats, the Swedish People's Party and the populist Rural Party.

Cabinet:

Prime Minister Mr Holkeri (C), **Foreign** and Deputy PM Kalevi Sorsa (SD), **Justice** Matti Louekoski (SD), **Interior** Jarmo Rantanen (SD), **Defence** Ole Norrback (SPP), **Finance** Erkki Liikanen (SD), **Second Finance** Mrs Ulla Puolanne (C), **Education** Christoffer Taxell (SwP), **Foreign trade** Pertti Salolainen (C), **Minister without portfolio** Ilkka Kanerva (C), **Culture** Mrs Anna-Liisa Piipari (SD), **Agriculture** Toivo T. Pohjola (C), **Communication** Pekka Vennamo (RP), **Trade and Commerce** Ilkka Suominen (C), **Social and Health** Mrs Helena Pesola (C), **Second Social and Health** Mrs Tarja Halonen (SD), **Employment** Matti Puhakka (SD), **Environment** Kaj Barlund (SD).

Argentine torture-charge officer in court at last

From Eduardo Cué
Buenos Aires

It took a military rebellion, an unprecedented show of popular support for democracy, a courageous President and two weeks of hiding, but former army Major Ernesto Guillermo Barreiro finally made it to court.

Dressed in civilian clothes to denote his new status as a former military officer, Señor Barreiro appeared on Wednesday evening before the same Federal Appeals Court in the northern city of Córdoba whose authority he had refused to recognize only two weeks ago.

His failure to appear before the court to answer charges of human rights violations he allegedly committed during the former military regime sparked an insurrection by officers of the 14th Airborne Infantry Division, where Major Barreiro had hidden.

That rebellion ended the following day when the major fled the garrison, but by then officers at the Campo de Mayo base near Buenos Aires had taken over a military academy they were to hold for three days.

The ex-officer's reappearance came as Argentina waited eagerly for President Alfonsín's speech today before the opening session of Congress.

The event will mark the first time the President has formally addressed the nation since he defused the Easter weekend crisis by personally flying to the Campo de Mayo base and ordering more than 100 rebel officers to surrender.

Since then the Government has been hoping for a Supreme Court ruling on the concept of due obedience – that is, how far responsibility passes down the chain of command for obeying illegal orders.

The Government has been hoping that such a ruling would limit the number of active duty officers who can be tried and thereby lessen the deep discontent within the military.

But reports published yesterday in the authoritative newspaper *La Nación* say that the court had balked at issuing such a ruling under political pressure and that the matter will have to be settled by Congress.

"At the very least the court could have suspended the human rights trials for 30 days, but they have even refused to do that," a deputy of the ruling Radical Party told *La Nación*. "As a result the court continues to summon officers, despite the danger that one of them will refuse to show up." Dr José Severo Caballero, the Supreme Court President, has told the human rights groups that the court cannot constitutionally order a suspension to the trials.

Last week the nation's highest tribunal asked the country's Federal Appeals Courts to submit detailed reports within 10 days on the human rights cases in their jurisdictions. While some of these trials have been temporarily suspended, others continue against the obvious wishes of the Government.

One of the hearings indefinitely suspended involves the new Army Chief of Staff, Brigadier General José Dante Caridi, who was to appear before a Federal Appeals Court investigating the death of a conscript soldier in which the general was allegedly involved.

Señor Barreiro, who was dishonourably discharged from the Army during the crisis, appeared before the six judges of the Córdoba court for almost two hours, but few details emerged from the session. The court ordered that the ex-officer be held in preventive detention.

It was not known yesterday where the former army major had been hiding during the past two weeks or why he had decided finally to appear before the court.

Señor Barreiro is charged with one murder and six torture cases he allegedly committed while serving as Chief of Investigations at the La Perla detention centre near Córdoba during the former dictatorship.

The court hearing on Wednesday concerned only Señor Barreiro's activities at the La Perla centre, according to informed sources. Formal charges are to be brought against him for his role in the Easter weekend events.

Unions claim Pretoria has exploited necklace killings

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

Angry black trade union leaders yesterday accused the South African authorities and the management of the state-owned railways of using the "necklace" murders of four men as a "political football" in a mounting campaign of harassment and intimidation of the labour movement.

The Council of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and the South African Railway and Harbour Workers Union (SARHWU) declared they knew nothing of the killings.

The bodies of the men, who were stabbed repeatedly and then burnt under stacks of tyres, were discovered on Tuesday near Johannesburg's Kaserne railway depot.

Police, who said they were alerted by a fifth black who escaped the killers, say they were South African Transport Services (SATS) workers and had been assaulted at Cosatu House, the trade union headquarters building in central Johannesburg before they were "necklaced".

The police raided the building late on Tuesday night after an all-day siege and arrested 11 people – one of them a boy, aged 12 – in connection with the killings.

On Wednesday union staff arrived for work to find "torture house" spray-painted on the outside walls of the building.



White teenage schoolboys doing the jobs of striking black railway workers at a station in Johannesburg. Some 800 white schoolchildren have been recruited to handle freight and clean trains during the dispute, marked by violence and a clampdown on unions.

Mr Jay Naidoo, the general secretary of Cosatu, said that it condemned violence absolutely and was having urgent talks with SARHWU to find out the truth about what had happened.

"If those workers died at the hands of other railway workers, we say that should not have happened," he declared.

"We believe, however, that it is disgraceful for the Government to exploit the deaths as a political football to step up its propaganda war against us as a legal trade union federation and our affiliate, SARHWU.

"They are using innuendo and insinuation to prepare a climate for more drastic restrictions on our legitimate acitivities."

Mr Naidoo said about 1,000 people worked at Cosatu House "and it is not possible to know who comes in or out, or even whether they are union members". Some people had been found in the building with forged trade union membership cards.

Big business 'turning against Botha'

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Dr Zacharias de Beer, the Executive Director of South Africa's giant Anglo American Corporation, says that he believes most business people in the country will be voting against the Government of President Botha in the whites-only election next Wednesday.

Dr de Beer, who is in London on business, also accused Mr Botha's Government of intimidating businessmen, citing the case of a leading banker, Mr Chris Ball, whom Mr Botha and a government commission have accused of knowingly financing advertisements calling for the legalization of the African National Congress (ANC).

He said the case had stoked fears within the business community, tending to blur businessmen's perceptions of the urgency of reform. A business upturn and reduced reporting of bad news because of media restrictions had also diminished the desire for change.

Despite this, he thinks very few have changed their voting intentions for May 6. "I am confident that the vast majority of business people are going to vote against the Government."

Their votes, he believes, will be divided between the two main liberal parties – the Progressive Federal Party (PFP) and its smaller alliance partner, the New Republican Party – and such independents as Dr Denis Worrall, the former Ambassador to Britain.

Dr de Beer said that the episode of Mr Chris Ball helped to explain the low profile taken in the general election campaign by South African businessmen. Not long ago, big business was a strident voice of white liberalism, meeting ANC leaders in Zambia, calling for a charter of rights which included universal suffrage, and pressing for faster change.

"I have no doubt that the State President made this attack on Chris Ball in order to intimidate businessmen," he said. He added that he supported the banker, who has denied knowing that an overdraft he authorized would be used to fund opposition advertisements.

South Africa's biggest bank, the First National, has lost business after a judicial inquiry into a loan used for an advertisement urging legalization of the African National Congress, a spokesman said yesterday (Reuter reports from Johannesburg). The bank was formerly a subsidiary of Barclay's Bank.

Dr de Beer sees the Ball incident in the context of what he called "by far the nastiest election campaign I have ever seen", as one strand of a successful strategy of dividing or silencing white opposition.

"P.W. Botha has divided the right by showing he can be tougher than them in his raids on the frontline states, and the left by suggesting that we are communists," he said.

His own vote will be no surprise, as he was a founder of the PFP with Mrs Helen Suzman and others in 1959.

Certainly they are close to those of Mr Harry Oppenheimer, the former head of the interlocked Anglo American and De Beers groups, which make up South Africa's largest mining and industrial complex.

Dr de Beer favours government negotiations with the ANC and other groups, leading to universal suffrage and a majority goverment which would necessarily be mainly black.

Dr de Beer recognizes the inevitability of a National Party victory and is already looking to the election after next. His hope is that a gain of a few PFP and independent seats could create a climate for a liberal victory the next time round.

What moves President Botha might make in response to a liberal advance has aroused much speculation. Dr de Beer tends to discount suggestions that he might be tempted to allow Natal to experiment with the Indaba constitution agreed between Chief Buthelezi and others.

"If the Government were to concede universal suffrage in any part of the country, the pressure to do so in the rest would become intolerable," he said.

Cat's pedigree in doubt

'Egyptian' bronze probably a fake

From Charles Bremner, New York

Its likeness adorns countless postcards and posters and for many visitors it was the most memorable object in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. But, it was revealed yesterday, the museum's famed ancient Egyptian cat is probably a fake.

"There's something wrong with that cat," said Ms Christine Lilyquist, the curator of Egyptian Art said after the museum confirmed reports that the pedigree of the prized bronze sculpture probably dates from the 1950s rather than 300 BC. "My personal opinion is that it's a forgery," she said.

Mr Philippe de Montebello, the director of the museum, put it more delicately. "Careful technical examination seems to point to modern manufacture," he said of the 15-inch high statue.

Suspicions were first raised five years ago, Ms Lilyquist said, when tests proved another sculpture to be a pastiche. The cat was removed from the museum's antiquity department where it had drawn the crowds since it was acquired in 1958. It made a brief reappearance in 1983.

X-ray tests revealed that the bronze used in the corroded green-coloured cat was a porous type made from an alloy of lead and copper instead of tin and copper.

Such an alloy has not been found before in Egyptian artefacts but this alone would not confirm a forgery, the museum said.

The experts say that there is no scientific technique to date bronze, as there is for ceramics and organic materials.

The animal, long thought to contain the mummified remains of a Nile Delta feline, is now undergoing examinations to see if its corrosion had been produced by chemicals rather than 2,000 years of exposure to the atmosphere.

The museum is also trying to trace the man who sold it to them in 1958, Mr Charles Morley, a wealthy collector who was known to curators as a source for ancient Egyptian art. He is said to have left the United States for Switzerland four years ago.

In the 1950s, a number of cat sculptures reached the market after the discovery of a cemetery dedicated to the cat god at Bubastis in the Nile Delta.

Ms Lilyquist said that she was not disappointed to conclude that the animal in her collection is a fake. "It bothers you when you see things that don't fit, stylistically, technically. You get a bit angry that somebody has taken this trouble to fool people."



New York's controversial cat: 300 BC or the 1950s?

Official says Pentagon rushed ABM decision

From Michael Binyon, Washington

A former senior US negotiator, who helped advise the Administration that it could interpret the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in favour of the faster deployment of the Strategic Defence Initiative, said his office was pressured by the Pentagon into giving a swift view with no dissent.

Mr William Sims, who worked in the office of Mr Abraham Sofaer, the State Department legal adviser, told a Senate hearing: "We provided President Reagan with a flawed decision memorandum." He felt so strongly about this that he had resigned.

Mr Sims said top State Department experts were excluded from the decision. Throughout the "rushed" deliberations in autumn 1985, the Pentagon "seemed to be in the driver's seat", and internal dissent was crushed.

It was only the evening before the memorandum was given to Mr Reagan that dissent was allowed to be voiced.

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Fundamentalism-realism split on eve of Greens congress

The three-day annual party congress of the West German Greens opens in Duisburg today amid a struggle between the party's two wings. Richard Owen in Frankfurt reports.

The most memorable moment in the recent West German election, which returned Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition with a reduced majority, came on the eve-of-poll television debate.

Herr Kohl and the other established political heavyweights, all in the same grey suits, greeted each other affably, but virtually ignored the little-known young woman who stood outside the charmed circle, her hair tumbling to her shoulders and a faintly mocking smile on her lips: Frau Jutta Ditfurth, the spokesperson of the Greens, the ecology party.

Yet the astute Frau Ditfurth dominated the ensuing debate. The episode is still reverberating three months later. Frau Ditfurth says – dismissing the idea wryly – that the Greens are alleged to have gained at least 2 per cent extra support as a result of her performance.

The Greens are at a watershed in their remarkable history. Four years ago they entered the Bundestag (Parliament) for the first time, with 5.6 per cent of the vote and 27



Frau Jutta Ditfurth: denies Fundis' "loony left" tag.

MPs. This year their share shot up to 8.3 per cent, giving them 42 MPs. The party which emerged from the protest movements and counter-culture of the 1960s and 1970s has come of age. Yet success has brought with it the problem which bedevils all established parties: how to bridge the gap between ideologically opposed wings.

The immediate catalyst of schism was the local (state) election in Hesse a month ago, in which the Greens did well (they got 9.4 per cent) but which brought about the final demise of the Red-Green alliance in Hesse between the Socialists (SPD) and the Greens, who had provided the Environment Minister in the coalition in the highly unconventional form of Herr Joschka Fischer. But the seeds of the coalition's collapse had been sown much earlier when fundamentalists among the Greens, known as Fundis (though they prefer "ecological socialists"), made clear their opposition to coalition dealings with the SPD or any other party.

The realists, or Realos, led by Herr Fischer and the able radical lawyer Herr Otto Schily, argue that Green policies will only have an effect if the party seeks government responsibility. This contradiction within the Greens has been present from the beginning, but it is now emerging into open warfare. The crunch came in February this year, when Herr Fischer – always at odds with his SPD partners in Hesse – resigned over the Socialists' support for two controversial plutonium plants near Frankfurt.

● The major parties have stolen the Greens' clothes ●

The Realos' problems are not only that local coalition politics have proved fraught with difficulty, or even that the Greens' dislike of centralization militates against a coherent strategy, but also that the main parties, including the ruling Christian Democrats, have stolen their clothes. Ecology, nuclear disarmament, and concern about nuclear safety are no longer the preserve of the Greens. As a result the Greens are casting about for a new role, and the trend is towards a lurch to the left.

The hour of the Fundis, in other words, appears to have come. The fact that Frau Ditfurth spoke for the Greens in the crucial election debate was itself the outcome of a bitter behind-the-scenes struggle in which the Fundis gained the upper hand. Frau Ditfurth's background would not perhaps suggest that she is a natural fundamentalist leader: she comes from a solid middle-class Frankfurt family (her father is the writer Hoimar von Ditfurth – Jutta dropped the "von" for egalitarian reasons). On the other hand there is a tradition, not least in modern Germany, of radical youth rebelling against a middle-class upbringing. Frau Ditfurth's formidable combination of sharp wit and earnest passion looks set to carry the day for the Fundis when the Greens elect five new members of their 11-man "rotating" leadership this weekend.

One leading Realo, Herr Lucas Beckmann, the Greens leader in Parliament, caused a storm on the eve of today's congress by launching a counter-attack against the Fundis and going so far as to suggest the Greens should ally themselves not only with the SPD but even with the Christian Democrats, previously seen as the enemy. The assertion of a pragmatic middle of the road Green image is also symbolized by a Green "mothers' group" which is challenging the stranglehold over women's rights issues exercised by Green Party feminists. This move, and the establishment by Herr Beckmann of a Green political fund in the name of Heinrich Böll, the writer, are designed by the Realos to broaden the Greens' appeal.

● Realos fear the danger of a slide into violent protest ●

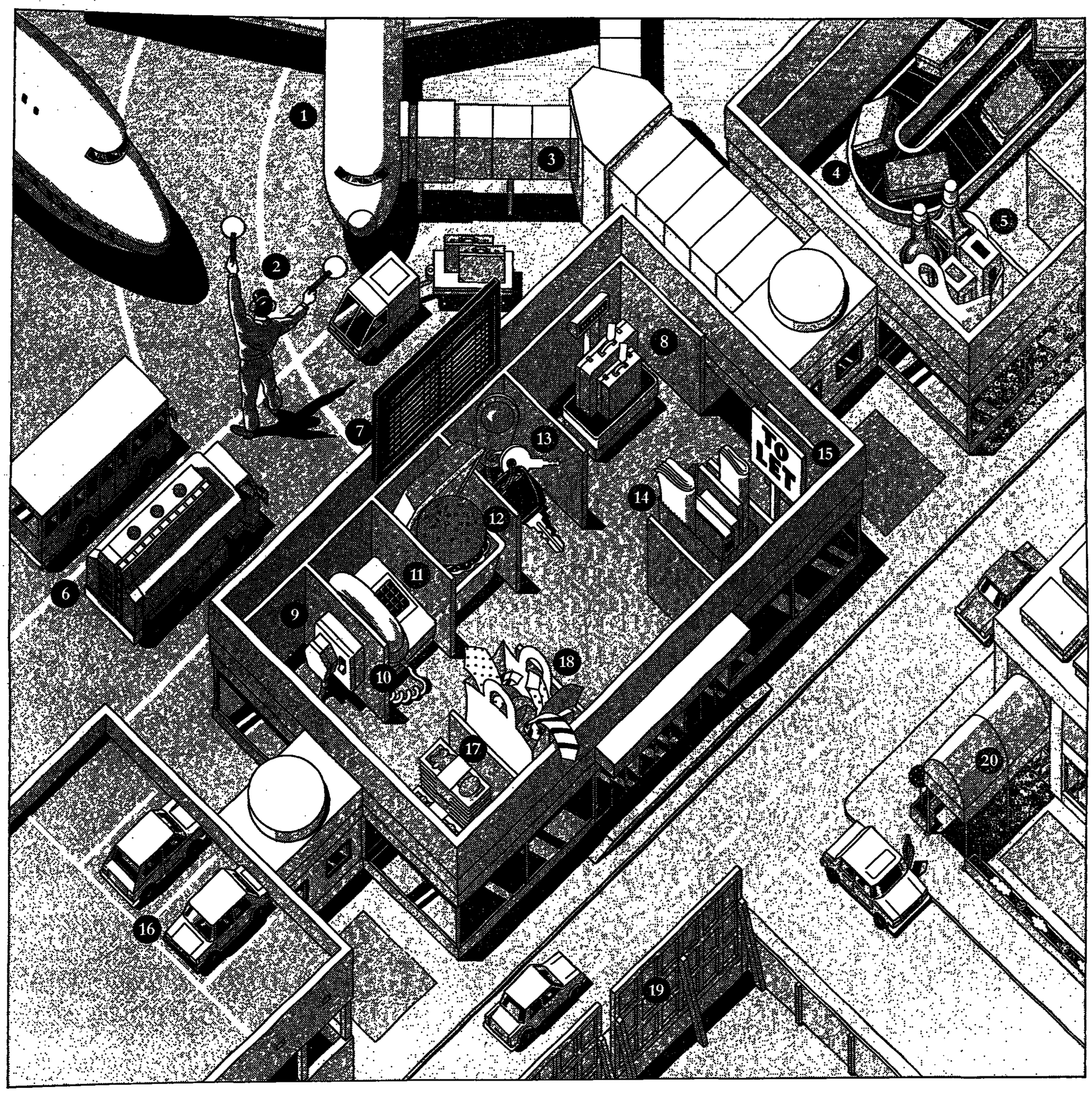
The Greens, whatever their internal divisions, benefit from widespread public concern over health and the environment – the first anniversary of Chernobyl underlines this dramatically – and they benefit, too, from anger over industrial pollution and unemployment. The Greens anti-authoritarianism, moreover, appeals to many Germans of all ages for obvious historical reasons. The Greens are recommending a boycott of the national census to be carried out at the end of this month on the grounds that it amounts to state interference in the lives of individuals.

The Realos fear, however, is that extra-Parliamentary activity can tend to slide into violent protest, whether against nuclear installations or Nato bases – or at least that the Greens' enemies can make capital out of this danger. This is one of the few points on which the normally unflappable and self-assured Frau Ditfurth becomes slightly uncomfortable. A damaging split in the party and a decisive move away from coalition politics could persuade Germans that the Greens are once again the kind of fringe party which condoned the action of young supporters who in 1983, at the very beginning of the Greens' involvement in parliamentary politics, angered the Bundestag.

With party membership stagnating at around 40,000, the pragmatic wing of the party is openly worried that a reversion to a "loony left" image after four years of patient work learning the art of survival in the corridors of power will relegate the Greens to the margin. Frau Ditfurth and the Fundis deny this vehemently, and they deny also that the "ecological socialists" are attached to vegetarianism, romantic environmentalism and adolescent anti-Establishment attitudes, as their opponents claim. The debate, Frau Ditfurth says, is really about how to reform German society from top to bottom.

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Peres and Shamir ready for election as peace conference split widens

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Both main Israeli political factions have now put themselves on an election footing as the crisis deepens inside the divided coalition Government over calling an international peace conference for the Middle East.

With the latest opinion poll showing the Labour Party beginning to pull ahead, Mr Shimon Peres, the party leader and Foreign Minister, now seems intent on trying to bring down the Government as soon as possible.

He has received the backing of his party to put forward his project for the conference along lines which have already been approved by Jordan and the United States.

But Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister and Likud leader, returned from a four-day visit to France last night confident that his faction would unanimously oppose the project.

The two men are likely to meet over the weekend to see if they think it worthwhile continuing to serve in government together at a time when they are so bitterly opposed to each other on this basic point of Israeli policy.

With the country taking a long weekend to mark Remembrance Day and Independence Day, the weekly Cabinet meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, leaving a longer than usual period for manoeuvring.

By then Mr Peres hopes that Egypt and Jordan will have agreed to press on for negotiations without the Palestine Liberation Organization, making it possible for him to urge the Cabinet to back his efforts to restart the peace process with the help of the international conference both these countries want.

President Reagan has written privately to Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, urging him to consider direct peace talks with Jordan under the auspices of an international conference (Christopher Thomas writes from Washington). Mr Reagan suggested that Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, should visit Israel but the idea has been postponed.

He can show that the US has now approved and sponsors proposals for calling the conference with the five permanent members of the UN Security Council – the US, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China – then instructing bilateral committees to negotiate a lasting peace.

These committees would be composed of Israel and each of its Arab neighbours.

Mr Thomas Pickering, the US Ambassador to Israel, went so far as to issue a statement saying that now was the time for a peace effort and leaving no doubt that Washington was behind Mr Peres.

There seems little chance, however, of the Likud breaking ranks to give Mr Peres the majority he needs to turn his policy into government policy.

Therefore if a Cabinet vote were called, he would lose and Mr Shamir could try to form a new government.

The vote in the Cabinet is far from certain yet, however, with Mr Shamir anxious to try to score points that would help to win an election.

Yesterday's opinion poll in the *Jerusalem Post* showed his need to stall for time.

The Labour Party now enjoys 42 per cent support, compared with 24 per cent for Likud. This is a 3 per cent gain on Likud since January, and even with its traditional support Mr Shamir's faction is not believed capable of forming a government.

May Day rehearsals in Tirana



Young Albanian militiawomen armed with AK47 assault rifles marching down Tirana's Boulevard of the Heroes of the People in a rehearsal for the city's May Day parade today.

Lange says Howe interfered in domestic politics

From A Correspondent, Wellington

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, yesterday accused Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, of trying to interfere in New Zealand's domestic politics while in Wellington this week.

Mr Lange told the Institute of International Affairs in Dunedin that Sir Geoffrey, in attempting to use New Zealand access to the EEC market as a lever against the country's anti-nuclear policy, was advancing an unsustainable argument, unworthy of the relationship between New Zealand and Europe.

"It is worse," he said. "Such is its illogicality that it can only be construed as an attempt to intervene in New Zealand's domestic politics."

While in Wellington, Sir Geoffrey said New Zealand's defence policy would make it more difficult for Britain to defend continued access for New Zealand agricultural products to Europe.

Mr Lange must call a general election by September 19 this year in which the Government's legislation prohibiting visits by potentially nuclear-armed warships will be a campaign issue.

The National Party opposition leader, Mr James Bolger, said that rather than interfering in New Zealand's politics Sir Geoffrey had come here "as a friend".

"I think Sir Geoffrey put it very clearly and fairly. We should listen to the message not attack the messenger," said Mr Bolger, whose party has pledged to allow the resumption of port visits and to restore New Zealand to its former status as a fully operational member of the Anzus alliance with the United States and Australia.

But Mr Bolger's party was yesterday rated 11 per cent behind the ruling Labour Party in a Television New Zealand opinion poll conducted by the Heylen Research Centre. The poll showed the Labour Party was favoured by 54 per cent of respondents, with 43 per cent supporting the National Party.

Mr Lange has 31 per cent support as preferred Prime Minister. The former Prime Minister, Sir Robert Muldoon, is the next most popular politician, with 19 per cent support and Mr Bolger third, with 8 per cent.

● **SYDNEY:** French policies in the Pacific, particularly its conduct in New Caledonia, has created a situation ripe for exploitation by Libya, Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister, said yesterday (Stephen Taylor writes).

In an address to the Foreign Correspondents Association of Australia, Mr Hayden said that Canberra had tried to press on Paris the need to encourage the development of a healthy multi-racial society in New Caledonia.

There was no doubt that Libya enjoyed twisting the tail of leading powers, Mr Hayden said.

PLO guerrilla leader spells out more trouble for Israel

From Robert Fisk
Mieh Mieh Palestinian Camp
Sidon

At first sight, Zaid Wehbe does not look the part. He is a rotund, 51-year-old ex-painter and Palestinian trade unionist from the Galilee village of Saasaa, a member of the Palestine National Council whose middle-aged paunch suggests a grocer rather than a guerrilla leader. But Mr Wehbe is Mr Yassir Arafat's most senior Palestinian guerrilla commander in Lebanon and when he speaks – which he does slowly and with great care – there can be no doubting his authority.

There will be more attacks on Israel from southern Lebanon, he says. The Palestinian Fatah guerrillas have adopted new tactics and undergo day-and-night training around Sidon, they have new weapons in Lebanon and even Abu Nidal's men in Sidon are co-operating with the PLO. He lights a cigarette. "The first of the day," he says on this, the third day of Ramadan.

Two Palestinian gunmen holding Kalashnikov rifles had stopped us at a concrete villa on the hillside road outside Sidon a few hundred yards from the last checkpoint of the local Lebanese Sunni Muslim militia. They travelled with us in our car to Mieh Mieh, holding their weapons upright on the seat beside us, distant but polite.

Mr Wehbe greeted us in a long, unpainted room furnished only with a sofa, seven chairs and a rectangular conference table at the far end. Gunmen were standing by the low wall outside. One sat at a small desk in the hallway.

"Chairman Arafat telephoned me last night," he says. "I can't call him from Sidon so he calls me. He asked about the military situation but he always asks about our social lives here. I speak with him all the time." And will Mr Arafat come himself to Sidon now that the Palestinian conference in Algiers has – at least in theory – unified the PLO and opened the way to rapprochement with Syria?

"We hope to meet in Palestine, not in Sidon," he replies immediately, and he watches to see if his words have been understood. "But if he comes to Sidon, he should go to Beirut too because Arafat is the symbol of the PLO in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, in all the Arab world and in many European countries. So our office in Beirut – which was closed in 1982 – should be opened again so that Arafat can come to see his half-million people in Lebanon again. But he will not stay in Lebanon because we in the camps do not intend to stay in Lebanon."

It was all said in a simple, logical way, as if returning to the land he calls Palestine would be no more difficult than applying for a visa or buying an air ticket. But it was also said in deadly earnest.

About the PLO's new "unity" and the possibility of renewed relations with Syria, Mr Wehbe is nothing but pragmatic. "Our Palestinian defence of Chatila camp in Beirut for months against the Amal militia, who fought for Syria, brought about our unity," he says. "There would have been no unity without Chatila. We don't recognize the Syrians as our enemies. Syrian history, geography, the people and Army of Syria are beside the Palestinians. But we will confront every outside power that tries to destroy our security in the camps."

Mr Wehbe takes his time to come to the point. "The Syrian Government," he says eventually, "have done their best to put the Palestinians in their pocket but we stood against this. And Syria's relations with the Palestinians must come through the PLO itself, not us. The Syrians tried to meet us here in Sidon. But I refused. Relations should come through Arafat, through the PLO. This is a clear political agreement."

Another agreement in which Mr Wehbe expressed exceptional interest was the Cairo pact of 1969 which permitted the Palestinians to use Lebanon as a base for attack on Israel. He regards it as still in existence although he acknowledges that the Palestinians will have to treat the Lebanese population with more respect than they did before 1982.

It is all spirited stuff for a man who left his home 35 years ago and who, in 1981, stood on a hill in southern Lebanon, looked across the Israeli-Lebanese frontier and, he says, actually saw his home village on the other side. His family are still inside Israel, "refugees inside their own country of Palestine".

Now he travels everywhere but there – to Europe, even to the TUC conference in Britain. "I spoke for 10 minutes to Michael Foot of the Labour Party," he says. "I have visited your Parliament."

With the Syrians to the north of him and the hostile Amal militia to the south, he can not now even leave the camps of Sidon.

RAF to test Maralinga site for radioactivity

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Two RAF helicopters are today due to start a new series of tests to establish the extent of radioactivity at Britain's main former nuclear test site in Australia.

The survey coincides with the disclosure that other tests conducted by the Australian Government have turned up unexpected deposits of plutonium which were found far outside the Maralinga site, where British atomic tests and minor trials were conducted in the 1950s and 1960s.

Levels of plutonium found in the vicinity of the Oak Valley Aboriginal community in South Australia are well below that stipulated as safe by the US Environmental Protection Agency but Canberra has ordered a further range of tests to confirm that there is no greater contamination which might pose danger.

These findings were mentioned to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, during his visit here last week by Senator Gareth Evans, the Minister of Resources and Energy. Canberra has not, however, proposed any further course of action.



Senator Steve Symms pointing to the new complex in Washington he wants Soviet diplomats moved out of.

US-Soviet bugging saga

Senators want Moscow embassy pulled down

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The new American Embassy chancery in Moscow should be demolished and rebuilt because so many Soviet listening devices have been planted in its walls and floors, the Senate intelligence committee has recommended.

The building, which is nearly completed but has a host of structural faults, has so far cost about $23 million (£14.4 million). "Bugs" have been found throughout the structure, and the committee decided that it could never be made secure.

Senator David Boren, the committee chairman, said that it was "time to stop the buck-passing, make a decision, demolish that building while we can still do it at a minimum cost, and start over".

The committee also voted 15-0 in favour of eight specific recommendations to overhaul and improve the State Department's entire embassy security system. It went on to support President Reagan's announcement that the Soviet Union would be forbidden to occupy its new, nearly-completed chancery in Washington until the US chancery is ready for occupation.

Senator Boren described US officials who oversaw the embassy construction as "incredibly inept, naive and irresponsible". Soviet officials had checked the complex in Washington for bugging, but the US had failed to do the same in Moscow.

Mr Robert Lamb, the State Department's senior officer in charge of embassy security, told Congress that the Soviet Union had wired transmitting devices into the building's superstructure, something US officials did not foresee.

The intelligence committee also recommended shorter tours of duty for US Marine guards and the ending of the employment of foreign nationals at embassies in Eastern bloc countries. It said that the US should consider removing Soviet and American citizens occupying living quarters at their respective new embassy complexes until security concerns are resolved.

Senator Steve Symms and Representative Richard Armey, both Republicans, have introduced identical resolutions directing the President to scrap the 1969 and 1972 agreements under which the new US and Soviet embassies were built.

The congressmen want the Soviet Union to be forced to move from the new complex at Mount Alto, the second highest point in Washington.

González peace offer to unions

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, denied charges that he is governing "against the trade unions" and offered to talk to their leaders, including the Communists, in a gesture well-timed for today's May Day demonstrations.

But he warned the unions that there will be no letting up in the Government's fight to cut the inflation rate, now 6.3 per cent, because Spain must compete for its livelihood in the European Community.

Señor González had decided to appear on state television on Wednesday night after criticism of his aloofness and failure to intervene in the wave of strikes.

Before an audience of millions, he offered an image of flexibility, admitting his Government was not always in the right.

Spain's trade unions were advised by Señor González on television to emulate their more productivity-oriented West German colleagues, and all Spaniards were told they must create more national wealth before demanding better social services.

"Sometimes I have the impression we are still living in a democracy of only demanding our rights and not of assuming our responsibilities."

The Prime Minister invited the unions to regulate their strike procedures. The Government would prefer this, he said, to going ahead with the promised strike Bill in Parliament.

Italian Army demoralized by low pay and brain drain

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Maurizio Rungi, aged 20, committed suicide last week. From a simple family in southern Italy, Signor Rungi had landed his first job but was forced to abandon it when he was called up for military service. A nervous breakdown, a young corpse hanging from household rope, a private tragedy.

But Signor Rungi's case is more than that. The morale of the Italian Army has dropped so low that young Italians now dread call-up papers. Military service has become more than a temporary inconvenience; it is now a fearsome, nerve-racking experience for many.

Reports are filtering out of hunger strikes in the barracks. Officers have been demonstrating outside the President's Palace. Protest posters and clandestinely printed pamphlets circulate in army headquarters.

The military trade union – the COCER, or Central Committee of Military Representatives – began to agitate for more money last October but demonstrations and effective lobbying were launched only recently.

The problem is primarily, but not solely, about pay. A senior captain with 12 or 13 years of service earns 1,400,000 lire a month (£700) and a lieutenant-colonel serving as a battalion commander brings in 1,700,000 lire (£850) a month.

Such a colonel commands 4,000 men and has to be knowledgeable about military and civilian law, must solve complicated administrative problems and attend conferences regularly at his own expense. Even with subsidized housing, the salary is not high.

The situation is particularly bad for those who work with civilians. An officer in charge of Ragusa harbour recently wrote to his union: "Our situation is becoming intolerable. Every day, between 08.00 and 14.00 hours, we run the port for the merchant navy (all incoming and outgoing movements, control of fishing fleets, and so on), and as the port is also a military base we have our duties for the Defence Ministry, too. Then, on top of our civilian and military responsibilities, we often have to attend judicial inquests. Do we really have to serve and be at the disposal of everyone?"

> Military service has become a fearsome experience for many

The result is a haemorrhaging of military personnel into the civilian sector. More and more officers are buying themselves out of the services. An air force colonel laments: "When Alitalia (the civilian airline) beckons, there is a stampede, an exodus of pilots. For us, it's billions of lire worth of training gone up in smoke."

The soldiers are the victims both of the Italian government crisis – which has delayed the pay settlement that would at least give the Army parity with the police – and of an identity crisis. Defeated in the Second World War, the Army cannot boast a wealth of recent combative glory.

The Army is also becoming a highly technical organization. That is creating frustration and lowering the prestige of the armed services.

As a result of this transformation, the demands of officers and soldiers have taken on a civilian flavour. Neither the soldier nor his wife wants to put up with the routine sacrifices of life in the armed services. A sergeant's wife from Treviso wrote in a letter of complaint to the Parliamentary Defence Commission: "Our life is hell. It is a long sacrifice in the name of an ideal in which only my husband continues to believe."

Italian women, who have recently taken a bigger part in business and political life, are forced to give up their careers or accept separation because the Army is insensitive to their needs. The problem is compounded by the fact that even senior officers often rely on the salary of their wives to provide an adequate income.

Even Italian soldiers cannot go on full-scale strike. But the frequent suicides, the public demonstrations and the increasing tendency of officers to voice their grievances in the press – once taboo as in Britain – is putting the Government under a great deal of pressure. Or at least it would be if there were a government. Since the resignation of the Craxi Government on March 3, there has been only a caretaker, and largely absentee, Defence Minister.

Chinese to Aids-test foreigners

From Robert Grieves
Peking

Foreign residents in China will be tested for Aids under a new law that goes into effect today.

A recent edition of *People's Daily* said that all foreigners living in China for more than a year and Chinese people returning from long stays overseas would be tested.

Embassy officials said yesterday, however, that diplomats will not be included. That will still leave about 7,000 foreign residents eligible.

Aids attacks the body's defence system, often allowing secondary infections to become fatal. A Zairean diplomat posted to Peking died of Aids in Hong Kong in March and an Argentine visitor to Peking died from the disease in 1985.

The first Chinese death from Aids occurred in the south-eastern province of Fujian in February. The victim had recently returned from a trip to America.

In recent weeks Peking health officials have said that foreign residents in China would be tested for venereal diseases, leprosy, tuberculosis and "mental illness" as well as Aids.

"Mental illness" is thought to refer to encephalitis, a mosquito-borne disease attacking the brain.

● **HARARE:** Some 70 per cent of Zimbabweans may be Aids carriers in seven years time, a statistical model prepared by an insurance company here has shown (Jan Raath writes).

Peking bar on rebel students

Peking (Reuter) – China plans to bar students who oppose the Communist Party or socialism "in either words or action" from entering universities, according to the official *Guangmin Daily*.

The announcement follows a government decision earlier this year that students' ideological attitudes would be vetted.

There were widespread demonstrations in December and January by students calling for more freedom and democracy.

The vetting is combined with a regime of "social experience" – which consists of work in factories and rural areas – for students this year, a practice that had fallen out of fashion since Mao's Cultural Revolution of 1966-1976.

Arms flight

Athens – A Swedish plane, detained at Athens airport overnight for failing to declare its cargo of 170 rifles and army kits, was allowed to fly to Israel yesterday after the Swedish Embassy said the weapons were en route for the Swedish contingent in the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

Victim shot

Florence (Reuter) – Signor Eugenio Gazzotti, a 73-year-old kidnapped Italian businessman, was in a coma after being shot and critically injured in a gun fight between his son and an alleged Sardinian bandit on a hillside outside Florence.

Ramadan raids

Dhaka – Muslim fanatics stormed at least 12 restaurants in old Dhaka, smashing tea cups and upturning tables and forcing the owners to stop selling food as Bangladeshis began a day of fasting for Ramadan.

Hirohito rests

Tokyo (Reuter) – Emperor Hirohito, who felt ill at a luncheon celebrating his 86th birthday, was resting yesterday, but his health was normal, imperial palace officials said.

Cheque charge

Singapore (Reuter) – Mohamed Younus, aged 48, a Bangladeshi businessman, has been charged with cashing 600 stolen cheques worth more than £60,000 meant for Mother Teresa's charity work among the poor of Calcutta.

Hollywood's real-life court drama in final stage

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

It is a trial that has set Hollywood on its ear and the outcome is awaited with trepidation in a community that makes its living creating celluloid fantasy and chaos.

After well over 100 days of evidence lasting nearly eight months, the curtain is about to come down on Hollywood's longest-running real-life drama. A jury must decide whether or not the well-known director, John Landis, who has made millions from films like *Trading Places* and *The Blues Brothers*, and four of his colleagues are guilty of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the deaths on July 23 1982 of the actor Vic Morrow, aged 53, and two Vietnamese youngsters, Renée Chen, aged six, and Myca Dnh Le, seven.

The marathon hearing has also put Hollywood's film makers on trial, for there are those who claim that film-makers are sacrificing the safety of actors in pursuit of special effects.

The Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney, Mrs Lea Purwin D'Agostino, is one of those who believe unnecessary risks were taken by Landis. Paul Steward, the co-ordinator of special effects for the $20 million *Twilight Zone* film, George Folsey Jr, a producer, Dan Allingham, the film's production manager and Dorcey Wingo, the man who flew the helicopter that crashed on



Mr Landis: admits illegally hiring child actors.

Morrow and the youngsters in the early hours of the morning nearly five years ago.

Landis, Folsey and Allingham are also accused of taking children on to the film set in violation of California laws on child labour.

In her closing argument Mrs D'Agostino saidthat the testimony of Mr Landis was "a huge blatant lie". She branded the actions of the five defendants as "barbaric", and compared their use of actors to the ancient Roman practice of sacrificing gladiators.

Mr Landis and the other defendants have contended that they were not negligent on the night of filming. "That fatal scene should have gone off without a hitch," said Mr Landis's lawyer, Mr James Neal.

The key event that led to the crash, he said, was the failure of a special effects technician, Mr James Camomile, to pinpoint where exactly the helicopter was when he set off an explosion. One of the explosions sent a fireball into the helicopter and pieces of the blazing plane fell on to the actors.

Mr Camomile, who was granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for testifying, said that his concern for the safety of the actors led to his losing sight of the helicopter.

Testifying in his own defence, Mr Landis, aged 36, admitted he had hired the two child actors illegally, but said he had no reason to believe the scene would be dangerous.

Several pending multi-million dollar wrongful death lawsuits filed by the families of the three killed may also hinge on the jury's verdict.

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"Northern Ireland is as British as Finchley."

"No commitment exists for Her Majesty's Government to consult the Irish Government on matters affecting Northern Ireland. That has always been our position. We reiterate and emphasise it, so that everyone is clear about it."
(Official Report 29th July 1982)

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(Official Report 17th May 1984)

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Barbie's forgotten victims



The charges against Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie (left), whose trial starts on May 11, will focus on his slaughter of the Jews. But the prisoners he tortured and then sentenced to death included many British officers. Brian James reports

The trial of Klaus Barbie, which will at last allow Frenchmen to indict the Nazi for what he did to them 40-odd years ago and reveal what they did to each other, is not just a matter for one nation alone. Lest we forget . . .

Britons were Barbie's principal enemies. It was young servicemen and women from this country whom he pursued with particular zeal, whose torture he personally supervised with keen pleasure, and whose helpers he killed so mercilessly.

Barbie was appointed head of Gestapo in Lyons when, because of its central geographical position, the city became the "resistance capital" of France, and also a vital staging post for two separate escape routes for smuggling shot-down RAF fliers to safety in Spain.

One of those escapee networks, the O'Leary Line, alone repatriated 600 fliers. The cost, which rose sharply after Barbie's arrival, was 500 Frenchmen killed for helping.

Barbie's ruthless methods made Lyons little short of a suicide run for the men and women of the Special Operations Executive, the secret army of spies and saboteurs formed at Churchill's command to guide the French resistance . The average "life" of an SOE agent parachuted down over Lyons became little more than three weeks.

Vera Atkins, who as Colonel Buckmaster's assistant, a real-life Miss Moneypenny, was at the heart of the SOE's Baker Street headquarters, said: "Lyons always had a bad reputation. After Barbie arrived — though we did not then know his name — it became hideously difficult. There were many such men in that sort of work, but even by those standards what he did to those who helped our men was gratuitously foul."

Brian Stonehouse is a London portrait artist (his subjects have included the Queen Mother) who was caught by Barbie's agent outside Lyons in 1942 with a radio set concealed beneath the tubes and brushes in his paint-box. Among the things that Barbie did, he says, was to scrawl "NN" on the papers of all Britons he sent to concentration camps. "The letters mean *Nacht und Nebel* — night and fog — the Gestapo's coded recommendation that this prisoner should disappear."

One who survived the death-warrant was Peter le Chene, who was born in Brixton of a French father and parachuted into France as a radio operator. He was personally beaten by Barbie, carrying the marks on his face to his death a few years ago. But his comrades Brian Rafferty, J.T. Hamilton, John Carter and Tony Beauregard all died on Barbie's order.

"Peter lived for the day he would see Barbie tried," says his widow, Evelyn." He never gave up hope that Barbie would be dragged from Bolivia. He would never have accepted the ruling that what Barbie did to his military captives is legally past and forgotten. Under French law, only crimes against humanity, i.e. his slaughter of Jews, can now be tried. Did people like Peter, or the Newton brothers suffer less?"

The brothers Albert and Henry Newton wrote some of the most vivid anecdotes into SOE lore. Circus acrobats, they were touring when war broke out. They put their French wives and parents-in-law and their children on to a ship: all perished when it was sunk by a U-boat. The brothers, bleak with grief, volunteered for the Inter-Services Research Section — the cover name for the SOE.

Back in France, they were so successful in sabotage missions that Barbie himself led the 14-strong squad that arrested them in the Rue du Docteur Crestin in Lyons. Albert Newton later gave an account of torture a Gestapo chief (he called him "Barbe" in his report) had personally inflicted: Henry Newton's handcuffs had been wired to the electricity; Barbie himself increased the voltage; Barbie had stood and watched while people were burned with pokers.

In Lyons the Newtons are famous for their exploits *after* capture. Henry actually seized Barbie's pistol at an interrogation and came within an ace of shooting his torturer. Old men in Lyons main square will still point out the third-floor window from which Albert suddenly dived in an attempt to escape and warn his comrades.

After Barbie's treatment had broken their health, the pair were sent to Buchenwald. They and two other SOE men, Maurice Southgate and Chris Burney, were still alive when liberation came. Fourteen other agents, men with the fatal "NN" on their papers, had been hanged on piano wire in the crematorium. The Newtons, too, have died in the past decade, too soon to see Barbie on trial.

But Brian Stonehouse, the artist, survives. In the Special Forces Club he stands amid portraits of SOE agents who died, much-decorated, in the same secret war — including his own sketch, done from memory, of four young British women whom he saw led to their execution: only his artist's eye enabled the authorities finally to identify the girls and their fate.

"I am unhappy for these chaps here" — gesturing to the galleries of dead agents — "that Barbie won't be asked to account for what he did. People should be reminded. Someone should speak for the dead of the SOE at his trial."

Someone may. André Courvoisier, a French radio operator code-named Nicot, who worked with the Newtons and with Peter le Chene, is on the list to give evidence. Barbie has consistently denied he even knew of the concentration camps' existence. Courvoisier, at his home in a Lyons suburb, said this week that if called he will swear otherwise. "After my arrest," he says, "he supervised my interrogation. 'Tell us everything, or you go to the death camps.' He said it again and again. And he also said what would happen to us there.

"He was a fool. He didn't send to search my locker at work — though he found the key. And that was where I had hidden my radio and my pistol. I have them both still.

"Unlike some Gestapo officers who simply carried out orders, Barbie took the words from Berlin and added elements of his own. He was obsessed with the British. He saw a British officer behind every tree. He thought there were 10 times more agents here from Britain than there ever were. Every captive had the same treatment . . . bang . . . 'Don't lie to me' . . . bang . . . 'I know who you are' . . . bang . . . 'You are a British agent'."

Another former SOE operator, Dennis Johnson, an American now living in southern France, is displeased that crimes against Allied agents will not figure at the trial. He is one of the few people Barbie shot and who lived.

Barbie led the column that surrounded Johnson's maquis group in the Jura: "He came in shooting and we scattered. They got about half of us. Ten or 12. When we came back they were all lying there dead. Some shot — but many with their heads kicked in. We could see the boot prints on the faces.

"So, yes, I take this trial personally. Only sadists served in the SS. Only super-sadists got promoted as he did. He was special — because he got pleasure out of what he did. He used to bring girl friends in to watch the torture."

There is another very specific reason why ex-SOE men wanted the trial in Lyons to cover their cases. That way they hoped to discover for certain who betrayed them. Barbie never had more than 50 German helpers, and often as few as seven Gestapo agents. How, then, could he have rolled up so many British networks? The Newtons were eating when they were handed to the Gestapo by their French host. Peter le Chene was betrayed as he sat at his radio set by his French "minder" — a man who until two years ago was still working at Lyons airport.

Stonehouse, too, was betrayed. "Even now, I would like to know by whom," he says. "There was so much intrigue and simple knavery that it's a marvel anyone escaped. Most of the money that came from Britain just vanished. Vast sums. The Germans knew so much about us, I felt I was committing suicide every time I set up my radio."

Miss Atkins, a formidable young lady in 1945, refused to simply write off the missing agents and talked herself into a temporary WAAF commission and the task of touring Germany to discover their fate. She traced all but six of the 112 SOE men and women who had been sent, their papers marked "NN", to no known grave.

She says now: "Barbie? They can do what they like with him. The treachery that cost us many agents was mostly by people saving their own skins. It is not easy to judge — the French had wives, children, families in jeopardy. All that my young friends in the SOE were risking was their lives."

Yes, that *was* all. Even so, lest we forget . . .



Chris Harris

'Someone should speak for the dead of the SOE'

BRIAN STONEHOUSE

Vengeance declined

Brian Stonehouse was employed by the US forces after his release from Dachau in 1945: "One day a German civilian clerk came in with papers. He went white. We had recognized each other instantly. This was one of the Gestapo officers who had interrogated me.

"I told the US officers I worked with. One fetched a tommy-gun. 'Here, take the bastard outside and shoot him'. I refused. Another officer took the man away. But I found later he was allowed to go on working with the US forces. So, one later gathered, did Barbie.

"Could my man have been Barbie? Who knows? I had been interrogated by a number of Gestapo in Lyons when he was in charge, and others later in Paris. None of them actually stuck out a hand and said 'how d'you do, old boy, my name is . . .' "

Robins for the pot

Naturalists warn that Britain's common migrant birds are facing a catastrophic decline in numbers

The migrant birds of spring are becoming fewer; not only those rarities whose numbers have been tumbling for years but also familiar garden and farmland favourites.

It is not necessary to be an aged countryman to recall years of relative abundance. In the 1960s, hundreds of thousands more birds returned to Britain than now accomplish the journey.

Swallows and sand martins, chiffchaffs and whitethroats, blackcaps and cuckoos are among species noticeably absent from areas where once they were plentiful. Even supposedly "resident" birds, including the robin — some of which do migrate — are witness to the perils of foreign travel.

Alistair Gammell, international affairs officer of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, says that migrants are facing a "catastrophe". He explained: "Threats to them range from the massive and largely indiscriminate slaughter by hunters in the Mediterranean; from habitat destruction in both Europe and Africa; from dangerous pesticides used widely in Africa; to the relentless expansion of the Sahara."

Chris Mead, of the British Trust for Ornithology, has been examining the situation in sub-saharan Africa, the Sahel zone, where surviving vegetation has been devasted by an increased human population desperate for firewood and livestock fodder.

He quotes the classic case of the whitethroat with "a population only one-fifth of that in the early Sixties . . . Once in the Sahel, whitethroats feed mostly on fruits from the salt-bush *Salvadora persica*, but now the bush has disappeared over wide areas causing severe problems for these birds."

Hunters around much of the Mediterranean are infamous for loosing off shots at anything that moves, but they are not the worst of the birds' enemies. Millions fall victim to trapping with nets and lime each year; and the practice continues despite protests to governments from scientific and conservation organizations. Alistair Gammell observes that a "British" robin may well end up on a Portuguese barbecue in autumn.

John A. Hill

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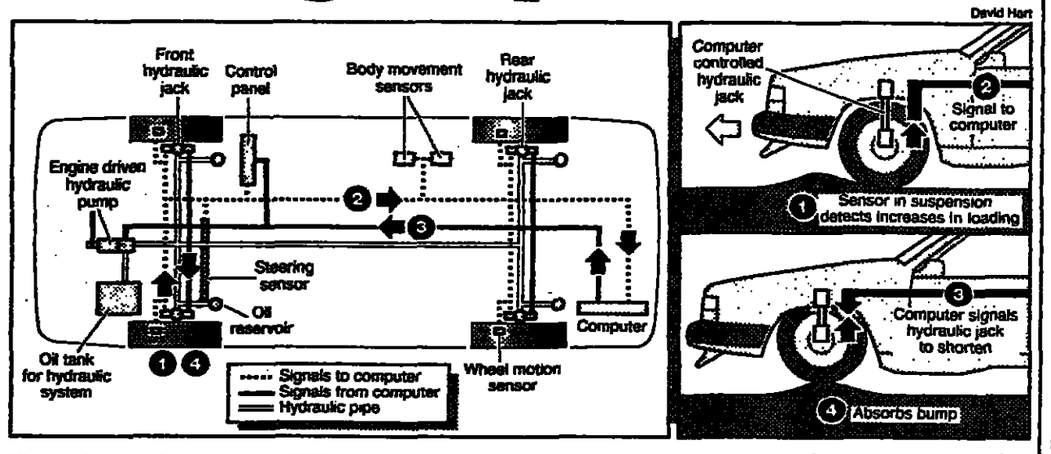
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Space-age suspension for all





This computer-controlled "active" suspension, pioneered by Ayrton Senna (left), will soon give the rest of us a bump-free ride

Victory for Brazilian world championship contender Ayrton Senna, driving his Lotus in the San Marino Grand Prix on Sunday, would also be a victory for computer power and space-age technology. It would be the first success for Lotus's computer-controlled suspension, which seems ready to join the disc brake and the turbocharger in the select list of technological breakthroughs claimed by the world of motor racing.

For the revolutionary "active suspension" system, as it is known, is more than an esoteric box of tricks developed solely for the race track. Lotus have already built 21 road-car prototypes for a variety of manufacturers, including Volvo and General Motors, who are planning to launch a production car in the United States in 1989. There are potential applications in anything from tank suspension to aircraft landing gear.

Such is the ability of active suspension to eliminate the traditional compromise for road cars between sports-car agility and the smooth ride of a luxury car that it will become *de rigueur* for the world's top cars in the 1990s.

In grand prix racing, the new suspension greatly improves the aerodynamic force, pushing the body down on the road by keeping the car perfectly level and at the same height from the ground, whether it is braking hard from 200 mph or using the engine's 1,000-horsepower to accelerate flat out.

The heart of the active set-up is a microprocessor which checks the position and load on each wheel 3,000 times a second. Receiving information from a mass of sensors, the computer controls high-speed hydraulic servo valves close to each wheel.

Conventional shock absorbers, which stop the body bouncing uncontrollably on bumpy roads, are discarded, while the steel springs are retained to do nothing more than stop the body slumping to the ground when the engine is switched off. Between the car's body and each wheel is a hydraulic jack which can be rapidly extended or retracted by the computer-controlled servo valves. Pressure for the system comes from a hydraulic pump driven by the engine.

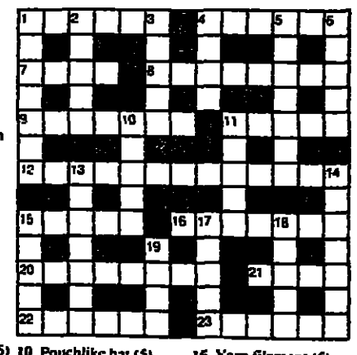
As a wheel hits a bump, a sensor mounted between the hydraulic jack and the body detects the increase in force and sends a signal to the computer. The computer then signals the appropriate servo valve to open so the jack shortens and allows the wheel to rise over the bump. The suspension's normal damping function comes from controlling the speed at which the jack shortens or extends.

The real sophistication comes from adding aircraft-style accelerometers providing the computer with rapid information on the body's movement, which it can then control via the jacks. The computer can be programmed to detect when the car is about to spin and prevent it by changing the suspension's behaviour.

For use on road cars, though, it is the superbly smooth ride rather than better cornering that makes active suspension such a significant development. A series of bumps which would bounce the occupants of a conventionally equipped car out of their seats when driven over at speed can be taken in an "active" car with the body wholly undisturbed, as if it were being held by sky hooks.

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Who gets the baby?

A private American adoption system is encouraging mothers to choose and form close relationships with prospective parents, says Donna Leigh-Kile



Donna Light

Family of smiles: Dawn Smith-Pliner, founder of Friends in Adoption, with her two children Isaac and Aurajoy

Carol, a 26-year-old pregnant mother of two, studies a folder containing the personal and often poignant résumés of 14 couples who want to adopt her baby. Some are more detailed than others, enclosing photos not only of themselves, their homes and their pets, but their families and friends too. They are among the many infertile couples in America, most commonly middle-class professionals in their thirties and forties, who are seeking a white, healthy infant at a time when surrogacy is increasingly viewed as a very risky business, and foreign adoptions are often tortuously slow.

Carol is one of a growing number of women who have opted for an "open" adoption, which allows her to meet and choose the adoptive parents of her unborn child. "Birth" mother and adoptive mother are encouraged to develop a close relationship that sometimes results in both mothers-to-be being present at the birth of "their" baby.

Steering Carol through the process is Dawn Smith-Pliner, a kindergarten teacher and founder of the one-year-old Friends in Adoption, a small, non-profit group based at Pawlet, Vermont, which advises adopting couples on how best to seek out pregnant women who wish to relinquish their babies.

Carol is the 12th case Smith-Pliner has handled since Christmas and probably the 40th since she started part-time counselling seven years ago for a different group, after swiftly adopting two children of her own: Isaac, six, and Aurajoy, seven.

In open adoption, "birth" parents and prospective adoptive couples deal with each other directly without involving state or private agencies. Instead, they are usually assisted by a doctor or lawyer and increasingly, support groups like Friends in Adoption.

For an annual fee of $15, couples wishing to adopt become members of Friends in Adoption. They can attend seminars and lectures, receive leaflets and their résumés are placed in Dawn's file. For $25-$35 she will help write them. The résumés are sent to pregnant women who have approached Friends in Adoption with a view to having their child adopted. When the real mother has made her selection, she will meet the parents who hope to adopt her child. Couples are not encouraged, however, to sit back and hope a birth mother will pick them out. Dawn recommends they "post, post, post", sticking up "babies wanted" cards on bulletin boards in department stores, women's health centres, laundromats, and in her view, the two best places of all, the 24-hour supermarket and the local free newspaper.

While this active pursuit is perfectly legal in Vermont, it is prohibited in 15 states where adoptions without agencies are banned for fear of baby selling. It is also far removed from the British system of adoption where procedures are strictly laid down by law. All adoptions have to be done through private agencies, many of which are social service departments.

Daphne Norbury, of the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering, said: "The major difference between our two systems is that here it is the welfare of the child that is paramount in any adoption, although the views of the natural parents are taken into account and meetings can take place between them and the prospective parents. Private adoptions are certainly not allowed and advertising would not be permitted."

According to Vermont law, when prospective parents link up with a birth mother, they are allowed to pay her medical, legal and counselling expenses. They can also invite the birth mother and father to live with them until the baby is born.

Once the baby is born, the birth mother has as much time as she wishes to sign the relinquishment papers. After this she has a further three days to change her mind. In Dawn's experience, the women who "relinquish" their babies (she doesn't like the phrase "give-up"), are equally divided between married couples and single women.

Carol, who is seven-and-a-half months pregnant, is married to Roy, a 28-year-old construction worker. With two young children already, they are struggling hard to make ends meet.

When Carol discovered she was pregnant again, she wanted to have an abortion. "But the hospital wouldn't take me in before Christmas and by the time I was offered a bed I was too far along." Carol had considered an ordinary adoption but quickly dismissed it. Subsequently, she heard about Friends in Adoption through a woman's health centre. "It's much easier for me to know what will happen to my baby: who and where he is going to. It lets me do all I can to make sure he will be getting what we can't give him right now."

Aware that grief will follow the adoption, Carol consoles herself with the belief that not knowing where her child was would be "like having a child that is missing. I couldn't bear the thought of wondering 'Is he in a foster home?' or, worse still, mixed up in some black market deal. I don't want money. I just want my baby to have a good, respectable home and the love and care from a couple who can't have any."

Ironically, Carol is finding out that there is less stigma attached to being an unmarried mother or even surrogate mother than a woman who is "prepared to give up her own flesh and blood".

"I can't make my mother and friends realize I am giving up this baby out of love. I want people to know I'm a normal woman, but I find it easier to tell them I'm a surrogate mother. They seem to understand that and leave me alone."

Two weeks after our interview Carol met her chosen adoptive couple for the first time, 36-year-old Billie Howe and her lawyer husband Greg, 37, from Morgan, Vermont. Having spent four-and-a-half years fertility testing, they were exhausted and discouraged before they even embarked on the adoption process.

"We're still pursuing the in-vitro procedure but when we realized it would be at least a year wait, we decided to try and adopt at the same time," says Billie.

Before meeting Dawn, and through her Carol, they had been telephoning a state agency in Burlington, Vermont, once a month for a year, but the agency wouldn't even put them on their list since it was already too long. Now that they have found Carol, the Howes are keen to cement the relationship. Billie would "love" to be present at the birth, "but it would be entirely up to Carol and her husband."

Billie's greatest concern is for the adoption to go through. "It's very much a case of goodwill and trust on both sides because before relinquishment there is really no legal obligation on anybody." Dawn has been involved in cases where a birth mother has kept the child but the majority go through with their adoption plan.

Dawn believes that open adoption will prevail over all other methods simply because it remains the option most Americans can comfortably live with, ethically and financially.

It can be completed in months rather than years, and, says Dawn Smith-Pliner: "The birth mother and prospective adoptive parent are in control, which is how it should be."

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Waiting for their baby: Billie and Greg Howe

One law for porn



BARBARA AMIEL

The pornography debate is heating up and all I am filled with is a tremendous weariness. I have a basic aversion to censorship, of course, and know that one man's *Decameron* is another's *Penthouse*, but still the issue won't seize. I tried to perk myself up with a quick fix of *Areopagetica* and thundered out: "Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely, according to conscience above all liberties", but I can't believe that Milton was talking about magazines like *Kinky World* or *Cotton Panties and Bare Bottoms*.

I saw those magazines when I made the mandatory magpie-run of sleaze shops in Soho and a very depressing experience it was. The porn shops have dreary racks of videos with naked housewives tied up, and looking curiously sanguine. There are motley collections of books for sale, as well, and I purchased a copy of the feminist tract *Why Men Rape* with a foreword by Jill Tweedie. "You can have it for 95p," said the man behind the cash register, which was £1 off the cover price. It turned out that Tweedie's solution to the problem of rapists is to feminize them by having them share child-rearing chores, which may not please Esther Rantzen.

One of the great arguments of the anti-censorship people is that it is very difficult to draw the line between smut and art. This has always seemed utter nonsense to me. Pornography may be difficult to define, but I cleave to the "I know it when I see it" school of thought, and one trip to any of these shops does the trick. Theoretically, as a classical liberal in temperament, I should object to obscenity laws, but in fact I don't mind having some available to deal with material that might be truly out of time and place. Even a libertarian like myself has to draw the line at the idea of selling this awful smut to children, and I would find it silly if the law were powerless to stop that.

Meanwhile, Gerald Howarth, Conservative MP for Cannock and Burntwood, has been pushing his private member's Bill, which would both extend the definition of what is obscene to include material that is "grossly offensive", and extend the scope of the Obscene Publications Act to radio and television. In opposition to his efforts, a committee of writers and arts institutions have launched themselves, under the leadership of Michael Grade. The two sides are facing off, with Howarth claiming to speak for the people, and the writers claiming to speak for liberty. These two constituencies ought not to be mutually exclusive, so one of the sides is misinformed; while I rather like Howarth, I'm afraid it may be him.

Though Howarth's Bill would have some effect on magazine pornography, the aim closest to his heart is to change what appears on our television sets. "Do you think that there is an outburst of obscenity on television?" I asked him. Well, yes he did. He talked about the famous bare bottom in *The Singing Detective* and the prevalence of bad language. Closer questioning makes it clear that what "grossly offends" him is the depiction of values and life-styles he doesn't like, such as homosexuality and vandalism.

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"Programmes like *EastEnders*," he said, "depict deviation as a normal way of life... there are vast numbers of families in this country where there is fidelity in marriage, where children are brought up to be God-fearing and to respect other people's property, and where people don't get drunk every time they go to the pub." The essence of Howarth's argument, it seems, is that television does not adequately reflect community standards.

Well, it may not reflect community *reality* (popular culture rarely does) but alas it may well reflect community standards of taste. Television does not create bandwaggons, it follows them. *EastEnders* wouldn't be the smash hit it is without community approval. Canada has the very legislation Howarth proposes, and yet virtually all the jury trials to date have been acquittals or the silliest kind of trade-off, like the recent decision over 16 soft-porn video tapes in which eight tapes were declared legal and eight illegal. I saw clips of the material and for the life of me, I couldn't see why *Wanda Whips Wall Street* was all right and *Cathy Conquers Chicago* was banned — or the other way round.

In fact, there really doesn't seem to be any violent or vile pornography on our television screens, only occasional lapses of taste. Howarth and Mrs Mary Whitehouse use the spectre of grossly offensive pornography, I fear, as a red herring, in order to get approval for regulations which would let government and its quangos permeate every branch of the arts and entertainments industry in order to remake the values of society according to their lights. Television, largely dependent on government, would quickly become self-censoring.

What Howarth does not seem to appreciate is that his legislation is a two-edged sword. Left-wing governments, or lobby groups like the feminists, could easily seize it in order to make sure that any programme showing, for example, the happiness of a traditional marriage, was outlawed as deviant — unless the wife is agitating for a "home-makers" pension and the husband does the washing up. This is where the socialist and the conservative are really birds of a feather. It doesn't matter that their values are diametrically opposed; they both believe they have the right to enforce them on the arts.

Though personally I share most of Howarth's and Mrs Whitehouse's values, I really must draw the line at a *de facto* attempt to define opposition to our values as obscenity. This is one of the most fundamental ways in which an autocratic society is enforced. I don't think much of a script that makes Dot, the only practising Christian on *EastEnders*, into a loony, unpleasant gossip. But she must find rehabilitation through a genuine change in the zeitgeist, not legislation — and the growing respectability of the views of Mrs Whitehouse and Howarth indicates that that is already under way.

Man and his big ego

Why do women seem born to suffer?

Alice Thomas Ellis ponders their lot



Every now and then I think deeply about the sex war, without reaching any useful conclusions. In the animal kingdom, male and female moles dislike each other so much that they can afford only the briefest moment for the purposes of procreation, and must part hastily before they find themselves engaged in mortal combat.

However animals are even stranger to us than we are to ourselves, and there is nothing to be gained of self-knowledge in contemplating their arcane behaviour.

No, the study proper to mankind is man, and I do not propose to waste time by adding "and woman". I accept that the term embraces both sexes and do not lie awake at night worrying about it; what I do worry about is my instinctive conviction that all conflict — tribal, racial, intercontinental — is a reflection of the incomprehension between the sexes.

Sally Cline and Dale Spender have addressed themselves to this ancient problem in their book *Reflecting Men — At Twice Their Natural Size*. It makes melancholy reading; and it will make everybody cross — women at the reminder of the myriad ways in which they are exploited and abused, and men because they don't see it that way.

The title comes from Virginia Woolf: "Women have served all these centuries as looking glasses, possessing the magic and delicious power of reflecting the figure of a man at twice its natural size". Women do of course perform this service. But they also have another equally important role. Ever since the craven Adam uttered "Lord the woman tempted me", woman has been used as a scapegoat, as a dustbin for those qualities which men do not care to acknowledge in themselves. Thus — women are gossipy, devious, spiteful, and incapable of friendship with each other.

I was pleased to find Dale Spender robustly tackling the first imputation at the beginning of the book. It must always have been obvious to anyone with ears that men talk much, much more than women and also constantly interrupt. As for deviousness, some of the ways which men impose their wishes on women are scarcely credible: yawning, belching, cutting off the house-keeping money, and giving her a straightforward good thrashing (legally permissible until the last century).

I think the idea that women don't like each other arose because they don't form themselves into clubs. Males are much given to forming themselves into clubs and playing games; but women don't need to. They pose no threat to each other and so do not require the safeguards of organizational rules.

Neither, while we're on the subject, are they as vain or as touchy as men. A woman, on being told that she is no good in bed, will probably burst into tears; but don't try telling a man that, unless you want your head knocked off. But here we come to the crux of the matter. Even if she does not fear violence, a woman will seldom denigrate a man's sexual prowess. Why?

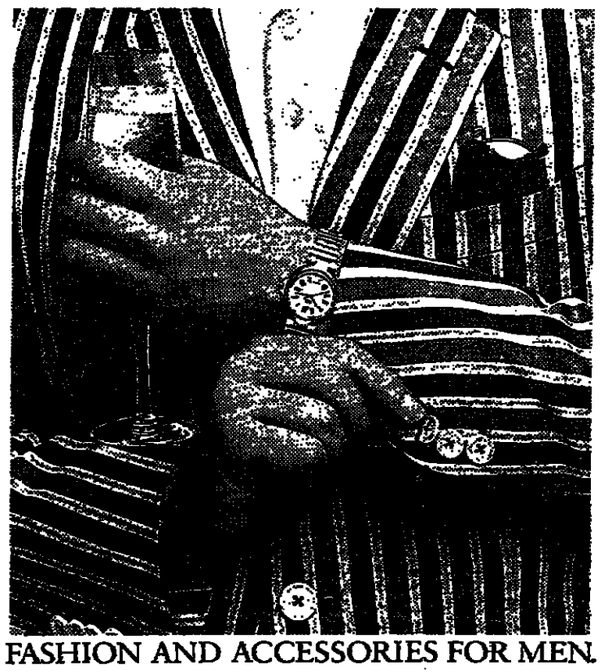
Beryl Bainbridge and I once puzzled for hours over this question. She had been approached by a man offering to give her the treat of her life by whisking her into bed. What she wanted to tell him was that he was a shambling ape with onion-scented breath, filthy fingernails and repellant political affiliations, but she couldn't. I think she said she had a headache. In the end we decided that she had stayed her hand out of compassion.

I asked a man why he thought women considered it encumbent on them to flatter and cajole and stamp around the bedroom in a suspender belt after a hard day's work in the office, followed by a pile of ironing and the cooking of a three-course meal. He explained wearily that men have to perform a certain function and in order to do so they need some stimulus, and I did see the justice in that. How depressing to think that all our sad destiny hangs on a matter of simple hydraulics.

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Cushioning Sir Clive

While Whitehall has tipped Sir Clive Whitmore, permanent secretary at the Ministry of Defence, to succeed Sir Robert Armstrong as head of the civil service and Cabinet Secretary, the Prime Minister has gone out of her way to protect him. By asking Sir Robert to stay on until after the election, past his official retirement date, she has ensured that Whitmore, her former PPS and reckoned to be a highly efficient and loyal servant, would not be abruptly removed from office in the event of a Labour victory. I am told that the meritocratic Sir Clive – unlike his immediate predecessors a grammar school boy whose 1954 report said he had "a fine intellect, his initiative was excellent and he showed a readiness to take on responsibility" – would be a good Cabinet Secretary. But he is no more likely than Sir Robert to tub thump in the interests of the pay and conditions of the men from the ministries. Time to split the two jobs, say the mandarins.

Distraction

The British public's twin obsessions – the weather and television – could play a vital role in a general election held on June 11. In June 1970 Harold Wilson blamed a break in the weather and the screening of *Steptoe and Son* for a slump in the Labour vote, traditionally more vulnerable to inclement temperatures. This time the electioneers may have to battle with television's most popular show *EastEnders*, which has an average Thursday audience of around 18 million. Meanwhile the Prime Minister is considering cutting short her trip to the Venice economic summit which starts on June 8, for fear that her absence so close to polling day might be thought "contemptuous" towards the electorate. And the weather? The Met Office will not stick its neck out.

Precedent

Oxford University is set to break a 350-year-old tradition next Tuesday when Congregation chooses its first vice-chancellor in 350 years who is not a college head. Sir Richard Southwood, professor of zoology, will, if his sole nomination is approved, succeed Sir Patrick Neill in 1989. Until 1969 the university's statutes required that its vice-chancellor be a college head, a qualification which until now has survived.

Sparkling form

Edwina Currie, junior health minister, anti-smoking campaigner and scourge of the northern fatties, yesterday turned her sights on the quality of water. After meeting regional health authorities in Manchester, she rejected a glass of Malvern water proferred in a local hotel, asking what was wrong with something from the tap. Waitresses had earlier been seen scurrying away with the ashtrays set out for reporters.



● One slogan at last week's Scottish TUC in Perth, where this picture of an upper gallery delegate was taken, was: "The sleeping giant has woken".

New ground

Adam Smith must be whirling in his grave. Madsen Pirie, president of the free-enterprise Adam Smith Institute, has just written to Mikhail Gorbachov offering his organization's expertise in privatizing Soviet businesses. "Frankly, there is not much left to do in Britain and life here is pretty boring," Pirie wrote. "We are looking for new challenges, and your assault on bureaucratic sluggishness and ineptitude is just the sort of project we wish to support." Yesterday, he reminded me defensively that Gorbachov was known for his sense of humour.

Crossed line

Workers at Labour's Walworth Road headquarters should not celebrate too much the end of weeks of telephone chaos caused by the installation of their new switchboard. I predict a row when Labour's comrades in the National Communications Union, who represent British Telecom workers, hear that Labour picked Norton Telecommunications to do the work. Although Norton does not bar staff from joining unions, it does not recognize them in negotiations. Yesterday, Labour assured me that Norton landed the contract on the understanding that only union members would work on the project. As engineers entered the building, most, I understand, flashed an EEPTU card. BT, which is fully unionized, bid for the job but failed.

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Victoria – one agony spared

After the Law Lords' ruling in the teenage sterilization case, golfer and television commentator Peter Alliss considers what he and his wife would have done had their brain-damaged daughter lived long enough to pose the same problem



The dilemma over whether or not a mentally handicapped girl should be sterilized is one that, mercifully, most parents never have to face. My wife and I were spared that agonizing decision, but only because death intervened and took our daughter away before the question could arise.

We have been following the case of the teenage girl and the debate on her future with the emotional involvement that only parents who have had a mentally handicapped child can begin to understand and share.

Sometimes we have been angered to read the comments of others who have little or no idea what being responsible for such a child is really like.

Victoria was ten years old when she died. She lived all her short life in hospitals or nursing homes. She never learned to speak, so communication was impossible. We have asked ourselves, many times, what we would have done if we had been faced with the situation presented by the Sunderland girl.

Would we have sought sterilization for Victoria? Would we have agreed to such an operation if it had been recommended to us by doctors? Would we have been deterred by those who, apparently with the best of motives, campaign against it? Would we have left it to the courts to decide what was best for our child, and for the potential children she might one day have borne?

The views of the parents must, we believe, take first place over the opinions of all others. Of course they can and should be given advice, and the beliefs of others who take an opposing stance should be heard. But who can speak better for a child who has no voice of its own than its mother and father? Only they can know the enormous problems that arise, not just for the child, but for the other members of the family.

We deeply sympathize with the mother in this case. From what we know, she is a caring, loving woman who wants to protect her daughter against the chances of giving birth to a child she would be incapable of rearing. The social services and medical experts involved share her anxieties.

We think we understand the fears of those who argue that the decision of the courts could in some way open the doors to callous treatment of the mentally handicapped. But our experience of devoted doctors and nurses, and of other families in similar circumstances, makes us confident that we are a more responsible and caring society than some people suspect.

Victoria was born with disastrous damage to her central nervous system. We had no foreknowledge of her condition, and we were stunned when it was diagnosed. She looked normal, but she hardly moved, and didn't cry. She was almost like a little doll. Specialists told us she was unlikely to five more than two or three years. Victoria exceeded those expectations, but she needed permanent, professional care. She could never be a part of the family. All we could do was visit her, two or three times a week, for the rest of her life.

We went through all kinds of conscience-searching, wondering whether we had somehow been to blame, questioning whether we were doing all we could, asking ourselves if we were being selfish in our attitudes towards her. The strains on any family in this position are enormous. Even if the burden of daily care is taken over by professionals, life is forever changed. Marriages have foundered as a result.

We had to ask ourselves if we should have any more children. The risks, we were told, were one in three of having another similarly handicapped baby. We decided to try, because we loved children and wanted a bigger family. We already had a perfectly healthy daughter, who is now 15. Advances in science made possible the early detection of abnormality in pregnancy.

My wife had four more pregnancies, two of which were terminated because abnormalities were detected in the womb. The two others produced our boys, now aged 12 and four, who are completely unaffected.

They have vindicated our decision. Having made that choice, are we in a position to advocate sterilization for a mentally handicapped teenager? To deny to another human being what we wanted for ourselves? All we can say, truthfully, is what we believe we would have done. We would have looked at our daughter, and tried to look to the future. I feel sure that we would have decided in favour of sterilization. I believe that most, if not all, parents upon whom such a decision was thrust would come to the same conclusion, however painfully.

The judgment yesterday was, we believe, the correct one, taken with compassion in the best interests of the girl concerned. But we believe it was a unique case, and that it should not set a precedent. There should be no sweeping law. Each case in the future, and sadly there will be many, must be judged on its own merits.

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The shadow Chancellor talks to Robin Oakley about his blueprint for Britain

Hattersley's new realism

If Labour wins the general election and Roy Hattersley moves into No 11 Downing Street, voters will not be able to complain that they were not warned of his intentions. No other shadow Chancellor can have set out his plans so clearly as Hattersley has done in his new book, *Economic Priorities for a Labour Government*, published by Macmillan.

It is all there: £3.6 billion to be raised from those earning over £25,000 a year to pay for an anti-poverty programme; £6 billion to try to reduce unemployment by one million within two years; plans to force the repatriation of overseas investment portfolios by threatening to withdraw fiscal privileges; new rules to police the City; the forced channelling of funds to an industrial investment bank; and the reversal of tax cuts in favour of increased public spending.

Doug Jones, Hattersley's assistant, describes the policies in an introduction as "a coherent, consistent and radical set of practical proposals for a society that will rapidly become more socialist". But Labour's traumas over Militant, defence policy and fringe issues like black sections have masked just how far Labour's economic policy has changed since the disastrous 1983 election manifesto.

Hattersley admits his intention to interfere with market forces, but gone are a whole raft of grandiose, uncosted claims for the pies which Labour was to pluck from the sky: the commitment to leave the EEC; the promised panoply of another price commission; the five-year national plan and the tripartite national planning council; the commitments to nationalize electronics, pharmaceuticals, health equipment and building materials.

Hattersley is candid about past mistakes. In 1983, he says, the public admired Labour's compassion but doubted its capacity. It simply did not believe that unemployment could be reduced by over two million.

But does not Labour's poor opinion poll rating argue that the public takes the same view now? "I don't believe it is the same order of problem," he told me yesterday. "Our policy is very different from 1983. It is in many ways less ambitious". Nobody would dream of suggesting now, he says, that unemployment could be ended in a single parliament. But polls show that Labour's now comparatively modest one million target is regarded as achievable.

But does the working majority care enough to bring Labour back to power? With one million having bought their council houses and millions more with a stake in capitalism through the privatization of state industries, is not Labour's social base eroding?



Hattersley says the compassion is still there. The employed are worried about the unemployed, the well-housed about the homeless. It is common sense also. With 85 per cent of people reliant on the NHS and 94 per cent on state schools, "people do have an interest in all the things which tax cuts can't buy".

There is another element. Hattersley believes that whatever Mrs Thatcher might say, unemployment and deprivation increase crime: "The well to do in Sutton Coldfield have a vested interest in avoiding another Handsworth riot".

Why then does he believe the Conservatives are so determined to cut tax? "I suspect that the party faithful are telling Mrs Thatcher that the milk of Conservatism is tax cuts. She is not listening to the people she should be listening to – the floating voters".

But why should the ordinary voter with a job and a mortgage vote for a party which seems to be concerned only with single-issue minorities?

"Part of the problem of 1983 was that we didn't seem to be interested in the man who prefers washing his car to going to a union branch meeting." Labour's policies, now, he insists, are all to do with the political mainstream; with jobs, houses, hospitals and schools.

There are plenty of intriguing ideas in Hattersley's working brief, such as the commitment to separate taxation for man and wife. If Nigel Lawson's estimations are correct, says Hattersley, that can be done rapidly. He wants a Marks and Spencer purchasing policy, using the government's spending power to push British firms into producing what is needed. He pledges to scrap the present public sector borrowing requirement and substitute a balance sheet showing public assets against liabilities. That would reveal what is happening to infrastructure repairs and when asset sales are being used to finance tax cuts.

He puts a strong case for providing Britain with an industrial investment bank because, he says, the present financial institutions are more concerned with making easy money on property speculation and personal mortgages. "What astonishes me is the separateness of the City from the rest of the economy, compared with the involvement of the institutions in other countries"

Many would support Hattersley's call for legislation to make pension fund trustees, who escape behind a doctor-like mystique, more accountable to members.

What will disturb some Labour activists is the absence from the book of left-wing jargon and the constant emphasis on the need not to let inflation rip, coupled with warnings to the unions that there is no mutual back-scratching deal available. The unions, says Hattersley, will not be given the chance to grab any of that £6 billion for inflated wage claims. "The pattern of wage negotiations is going to be determined by negotiations in the public sector which begin the round". He insists that "there is no spare money about for huge wage increases".

He also has a warning for the local authorities looking to a Labour government to bail them out. Labour has no more intention than the Tories of having its economic policies pre-empted by the town halls. "We have to get an arrangement with the local authorities. There cannot be a free-for-all for spending."

The arrangement will be voluntary, says Hattersley, but he is sure he will get it. But that betrays the same kind of optimism as when he declares that "trade union members, whose co-operation is crucial, will give the Labour government a chance. If we can do other things, if we can say because there were not unreasonable wage increases your pensions are up and your schools are better, I think we will preserve that implied compact between unions and government."

Perhaps for a while they will. But under the Wilson government ministers used to call that the "social wage", and it was not long before voters said they wanted more of that wage left in their own pockets.

Hattersley's book is an honest attempt to prove that Labour has acquired realism and responsibility. A constant litany throughout is "there can be no dash for growth" and "we can only proceed as quickly as the inflation constraints allow". He clearly means it when he says "the socialism in which I passionately believe is a liberating process to give ordinary people the choices they are currently denied. I am opposed to what are popularly called controls . . . [Socialism] ought to provide the material ability for people to make their own choice".

But the doubts which, the opinion polls suggest, still remain in voters' minds are how long they would be allowed to exercise that choice, and how much support Hattersley would receive from his party.

May Day: frolics before fraternity

Rather than the occasion on which socialists mark their solidarity with labour around the world, May Day has become just another holiday. This is as true of the rest of Western Europe as of Britain, whatever European socialists might claim. There are, of course, plenty of rallies and meetings but, like all rallies and meetings, they are attended by activists only. Political commitment, like religious commitment, is the affair of small minorities.

Secularisation has transformed Christ's birthday into the target date for an ever expanding number of shopping days; the day of his death a signal for an increased consumption of chocolate eggs. No one should be surprised, then, if May Day has lost its political connotations for all except a few.

Contrary to what many believe, May Day was an American invention, not European. In December 1888 the US trade union congress decided that on May 1 of the following year massive demonstrations would be held throughout the country to support demands for an eight-hour day. It was not until eight months later, at the inaugural congress of the Second International Working Men's Association in Paris, that Europe responded. The purpose of the meeting – on the centenary of the French Revolution – was to found a worldwide socialist movement, but much of its time was taken up with internecine quarrels, one of the left's oldest traditions.

At the end, very much as an afterthought, a French delegate introduced a resolution calling on all socialists to show their solidarity every year on May 1. As so often the case in such circumstances, the resolution was carried without debate. Few delegates had really considered what they were letting themselves in for.

Socialist unity even on the matter of May 1 was far from achieved. The French decided that May 1, 1890, should be celebrated with a general strike, and so it was in nearly 150 French cities and in most mining areas. Italian workers marched in military style in Milan and Turin. There were demonstrations throughout Europe, from Portugal to Sweden.

German and British unions refused to take time off during a working day and decided to demonstrate for the eight-hour day on the first Sunday in May, which in 1890 was May 4. This was particularly successful in London, where a peaceful crowd estimated at 100,000 gathered in Hyde Park. It was probably the biggest gathering of the organized working class ever to have taken place in this country.

Later congresses of the Second International tried to instigate strikes on May 1, but to no avail. The British preferred to celebrate the occasion with picnics on the first Sunday. Beer and pork pies prevailed over politics.

Quite rightly, too. The newly born socialist movement needed to set aside a special day for festivals, not for demonstrations. It needed a space in which it could develop its own rituals and liturgies, its language and its traditions. Secular movements which appear on the stage of history with little in the way of a "past" inevitably borrow much from religion. "The workers are the rock upon which the church of the future would be built" was the slogan carried on one of the German marches. In Germany the first May days were supposed to be silent, with workers occupying the streets to demonstrate the maturity, strength and resilience of the labour movement.

Today the band of the committed is dwindling not only because socialism is in crisis but because it is undergoing a much needed change of language. Many of its supporters are only too keen to get rid of traditional rituals of old proletarian socialism. In the computer designed socialism of the future there does not seem to be much room for crowded May Day rallies, picnics in which socialists (and patriarchal) families gather together surrounded by red flags.

However, I hope that in the new system of rituals which today's socialists are developing there will be room for what was probably the best feature of the old May Day: the idea of enjoying oneself *with* others and not *against* others. A political movement which has a sense of fun is less likely to organize another gulag.

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Disraeli and the lone rangers

One of the most hackneyed of all political sayings is Disraeli's that "England does not love coalitions." With the possibility of a hung parliament after the general election, hardly a day passes without somebody quoting it in a speech or article, as though it were a self-evident truth. But to what extent is it really true? Are coalitions, to judge from the evidence, markedly more unpopular in Britain than party governments?

For a start, it is worth recalling the circumstances in which Disraeli's remark was made, because they have a bearing on the question. He was speaking as Chancellor of the Exchequer in the purely Conservative government of 1852 (the first he belonged to) and was fighting to save his budget, against which a majority in the House was about to combine.

"The combination may be successful," he said. "A coalition has before this been successful. But coalitions though successful have always found this, that their triumph has been brief. This too I know, that England does not love coalitions."

His budget was defeated and the Tory government fell after only ten months in office. The government that took its place was a coalition of Whigs and Peelites, and Disraeli had only one brief interlude in office during the next fourteen years.

He knew very well, in 1852, that a coalition had a better chance of survival than the Tories on their own. He would have liked to enter into coalition with Palmerston, but Palmerston would not serve with the Tory leader, Derby. In his speech, therefore, he was merely putting a brave face on the situation, and would have been richly amused if he could have guessed that one defiant phrase in his speech would be treated as axiomatic by future generations.

Between 1868 and 1886 there was an alternation of party governments, Liberal and Tory, which England cannot have loved immoderately since none of them lasted more than a single term. From 1886 until the end of 1905 the country was ruled – apart from a three-year Liberal interlude (1892-95) – by a combination, which became a coalition, of Tories and Liberal Unionists.

The 1906 election returned the Liberals with an outright party majority, but this did not survive the first election of 1910, after which the Liberal government became dependent upon the Irish. From 1915 to 1922 there was coalition government, which a much expanded electorate confirmed in office in 1918.

After the return to party government there was an alternation during the 1920s, with no government winning a second term. But the National (coalition) government formed in 1931 won two successive elections with large majorities. The second, in 1935, was the last occasion when any British government obtained more than 50 per cent of the popular vote.

There was, of course, coalition from 1940 to 1945, since when the country has had its longest period of party government. But it would be hard to say that these governments have been loved, since every one of them – including even the Labour government of 1945, with its landslide majority in Parliament – has rested upon a minority of votes in the country.

The long period of Tory rule in 1951-64, during which the party won three elections in a row, suggests a measure of popular affection. But the magic 50 per cent of the popular vote was never quite passed.

So what can we conclude about Disraeli's saying? There seems no justification for the view that all forms of coalition are specially unloved by the English, or British.

The least loved form appears to be the "grand" or all-in, variety, which has the effect of depriving Parliament of any organized opposition. The outstanding case of this was the Churchill government in the Second World War, which – after the time of supreme national danger was past – soon began to lose by-elections to fringe candidates.

More limited forms of coalition have a better chance of being popular, though no government is likely to retain its popularity for very long. The British tend to fall out of love with their governments fairly soon, whether single-party or coalition.

Any government depends for success upon holding together, upon having policies that work, and upon being faced by a divided or incompetent opposition. These advantages are open to a coalition government no less than to one based on a single party. Moreover, a coalition of two elements, in a Parliament that might consist of three main groups, would have the support of a majority of the people, which has eluded all our governments since 1935.

Coalitions are certainly liable to comprise differences of outlook. But so do party governments, which are normally coalitions in all but name, in which the rival factions are often at each other's throats. An overt coalition may, indeed, be relatively more united, as well as fairer to the public, which at least knows what it is getting.

Henry Stanhope

Have brain, will drain

I am getting rather worried about the brain drain. It has been gurgling away for so long now that those of us left lying in the sink, are begining to feel rejected – like a piece of broken eggshell or a discarded teabag.

It was clear to me at a fairly early age that the ability to recite the whole of Wordsworth's *Westminster Bridge* without stopping and remember the date of Trafalgar was not the kind of aptitude for which the later 20th century had been waiting. When the chips were really down, it was not the likes of me who could save Western civilization from extinction.

I stared wonderingly while in school at those who could make mortice and tenon joints at woodwork – a craft in which an innate inability to saw straight was a handicap I never overcame. Ever since, I have gazed in admiration, not only at those who can build suspension bridges, nuclear power plants and dry docks, but at garage hands, electricians, and plumbers' mates.

I peer into holes in the road, knowing full well that I could never dig one without fracturing a water main, cutting off all the telephones in Oxford Street and no doubt discovering the Jubilee Line. How on earth do they know where to start?

Not long ago I watched some young girls making silicon chips at a high technology factory north of London. There they were, chatting to each other about twin-sets, over their microscopes, like their grandmothers knitting cardigans for the troops. Now a caravan of double-humped camels could pass through the eye of a needle more easily than I could ever make a chip out of silicon – or anything less malleable than potato.

There are said to be people who look down on those who actually *do* things for a living – like engineers and footballers, car salesmen, jobbing builders and the rest. I certainly don't. I have always felt, beside them, an inferiority which the brain drain has reflected, by and large. They are the masters now.

The point I am trying to make, however, is that as long as the brain drain swallowed only the scientists and the engineers among us, there was a logic which was easily acceptable. One could readily understand why the United States sought orthopaedic surgeons or haematologists – as opposed to the students of Catullus, the Tudor historians or the specialists in Shakespearean fish imagery.

It has therefore come as something of a shock to hear that our philosophers are now going too. Is the soul of our nation departing?

What America is going to do with a boatload of philosophers and arts men is a matter for transatlantic speculation. For all I know it will employ them as lifeguards on the beaches of Miami or janitors stoking the boilers in Harvard Yard. Their calling is quite admirable and, with British universities shedding their philosophy departments faster than chestnut trees dropping conkers in autumn, I do not begrudge them their land of opportunity. But I would never have thought philosophers a first priority while planning a revolution in high technology.

Their departure, though, puts more pressure on us all to follow it. I am told that 18th century literature dons are already being snapped up like cabbage patch dolls and historians have become collectors' items.

There are some aspects of the brain drain which need watching. To take one example of what I mean, the newspapers are mysteriously inundated with reports every spring about a sudden recruiting crisis in the Armed Forces. Admirals stop reporters in the street, air vice marshals stand treat in the RAF Club and generals are on the telephone to one's editor to recount how our best young pilots are ejecting themselves from the cockpits of our fighters and our soldiers are fast clambering from their tanks, all to seek better paid jobs elsewhere, amid the honey-pots of industry and the City.

A national scandal, you might think; another symptom of our uncaring society, which so recklessly neglects the defence of our realm and the young men and women who maintain it, once peace has been won? Not at all. What it really means is that the annual report of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body is hoving into sight on the horizon.

One might therefore view the figures with some scepticism – and certainly the motives of those going. I remain unconvinced that the brilliant young men who are flocking from our northern university towns to join the rush to sun-drenched California are inspired entirely by their devotion to the sex life of the fruit fly – or the influence of Chaucer on the poetry of contemporary Puerto Rico . . .

Still, I might have gone too if only someone had asked.

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A HUMANE JUDGMENT

The unanimous verdict by the Law Lords that the sterilization of a mentally handicapped 17-year old should be allowed to proceed "without further delay" will confound those who campaigned so passionately against the appeal court decision six weeks ago. The forthright wording of yesterday's judgment, arguing as it does that no other verdict was possible, will confound many more.

One group of dissenters will argue that, whatever the caveats expressed by the Lords, the verdict provides, in effect, a charter for the sterilization of mentally handicapped girls. Another will ask why, if the case was as straightforward as the Law Lords say it was, so much time and public money was spent in contesting it through the courts. The answer is implicit in this conflict.

The case had aroused uncommon public interest and an exceptional quality of debate. Doctors, lawyers, parents of handicapped children and their educators all had views. Legal and ethical principles needed to be disentangled from conflicting emotions, but without departing from the realities of caring for the mentally handicapped. It was wholly appropriate that the decision about 17-year old Jeanette's future should be referred to the highest court in the land.

The virtue of the appeal was to allow the wider issues to be broached which had obtruded after the appeal court had pronounced in favour of sterilization. Chief among these was the fear that if sterilization were permitted in this one case, the way could be eased for its use for eugenic purposes in future. The spectre of the eugenic experiments conducted in the Third Reich hovered in the background. The Law Lords insisted, however, that the case of Jeanette had nothing to do with eugenics. The girl's interests were paramount.

The other objection raised was that the underlying intention of sterilization was not the welfare of the girl, but ease of care. In other words, that the *interests of her mother* and her guardians, present and future, were being placed before those of the girl. Her presumed right to reproduce, it was said, was being subordinated to the convenience of those around her.

The Law Lords dismissed this argument, too. If sterilization had the effect of easing care, they said, this was an incidental consequence. It did not — and should not — contribute to the decision. That was based exclusively on what was judged to be in Jeanette's interests.

By distinguishing these issues from the individual case before them, the Law Lords ensured that Jeanette's welfare was not sacrificed to some higher legal or ethical principle that might look unimpeachable on paper but could prove a source of great human misery. They also set a valuable precedent: that the only criteria for judging such cases in future should be the medical history of the girl concerned, the prognosis, and her own happiness — as assessed by a court of law on the evidence both of her family and of specialists.

There will still be those who argue that sterilization should be permitted only where the health of the girl (interpreted in a narrow sense) would otherwise be at risk. The Law Lords chose, wisely, to associate health with happiness and dismissed as unrealistic the verdict of a Canadian court in an analogous case, which allowed only "therapeutic" sterilization.

There will still be those, too, who — despite the weight of evidence to the contrary — would prefer to believe that a less final form of contraception could eventually have been found for Jeanette. In these quarters yesterday's judgment will be interpreted as limiting the rights of mentally handicapped girls to an unacceptable degree. There are already plans to take the case to the European Court of *Human Rights*.

For many, however, the precedent set by this case will provide two welcome assurances. First, it will now be legally possible for parents and doctors to countenance the possibility of sterilization for a mentally handicapped girl as a last resort. The second is that there will be an established legal safeguard for the girl: permission can only be granted by a court of law. It was a humane decision.

MILITANTS AGAIN FOR MR KINNOCK

Mr Kinnock's problem with black left-wing militants is no different from his problem with white left-wing militants. His problem is that they are militants, not that they are black. The black militants display the age-old characteristics of militants of any kind: intolerance, self-righteousness, impracticality, and worse.

Mr Kinnock is familiar of old with Labour activists who have those characteristics. He once used them to his advantage. On his way to becoming leader of the Labour Party, he was prepared to be associated with the white version of the type. He actively sought their support. Their votes helped elect him to the Labour national executive in the late 1970s. He could probably not have become leader had not the electoral college ceased to be just the Parliamentary Labour Party. By the time he won it, the office of leader had passed into the gift of an electoral college which included the constituency parties, where Sharon Atkins abounded. That gave Mr Kinnock his chance. The parliamentarians alone would not have been enough to elect him.

Mr Kinnock will not be the first, nor the last, politician to be devoured by those on whose support he relied in order to rise in the world. It is a recurring theme of politics. Either they devour him or he devours them. In Mr Kinnock's case, which is it to be?

They alone do not have the direct power to devour him. But they do have the power to make his party — and therefore him — unpopular, or even hated, by vast numbers of voters. That would make it impossible for Mr Kinnock to become Prime Minister. When he expelled the Militant tendency in Liverpool, it might have looked as if it was Mr Kinnock who was doing the devouring. But his popularity, and that of his party, is still as low as ever.

There is no reason to suppose that the disbarring of Sharon Atkin, as prospective parliamentary candidate for Nottingham East, will contribute much to the turning of the tide. Probably the black militants — and the white ones — long ago did their damage. For the party and leader who indulged them for years, it is too late to escape from them now. Coming so soon before a general election in which Labour's position appears to be desperate, the punishing of Miss Atkin will probably not impress many voters. How did she become a parliamentary prospective candidate in the first, they may well ask?

Miss Atkin was disbarred from her candidacy for calling the Labour Party "racist". But behind it all lies the problem of black sections.

The party leaders fear that, in the minds of the voters, black political activism is associated with more immigration — something which is regarded as electorally ruinous, despite the usefulness of the black and Asian vote. Their official excuse for opposing black sections is that they would make up a "ghetto." Yet, many years ago, the party created a women's section. That sounds no less patronizing than a black section. The party leaders knew that it did not offend the voters. So the party is prepared to pander to all manner of interests provided they do not outrage too much the biggest interest of all — the electorate. It is an ignoble posture for a radical party.

There is one other moral of the Sharon Atkin affair. Many Labour politicians have built much of their career on accusing people of being "racist" — policemen, immigration officers, Tory Home Office ministers (sometimes Labour Home Office ministers), Mrs Thatcher and many more. Usually, the charge was no more just than Miss Atkin's. Now they know how it feels.

OFF-SHORE DETENTION

It is unfortunate, for all involved, that the Home Office plan to lease (or, as Sealink prefers to say, charter) a ferry to house asylum-seekers should become public just as the inquiry into the sinking of the Herald of Free Enterprise starts its proceedings. The coincidence means that any merits the Home Office plan may have are less likely to be recognized.

The idea of using a ship — in this case the Earl William which was taken out of service last year — to accommodate refugees does have merits. At present, people who come to Britain in quest of asylum and without valid papers, face often hurried questioning, followed — unless they are summarily sent back to their port of embarkation — by weeks or even months in a detention centre.

These centres are usually overcrowded and recreation facilities are limited. Where prison accommodation is used, as it has been recently at Foston Hall in Derbyshire, the very appearance of the centre is forbidding. The alternative, however, is expensive hotel accommodation or the temporary admission of the applicants into Britain (where they may disappear).

The Earl William, which is described by both the Home Office and Sealink as providing luxury accommodation, could be an imaginative solution. It offers the possibility of decent living conditions combined with security that is less obtrusive than it would be on land where high fences and locked doors are the rule.

Psychologically, too, a ship at anchor in a British port, as this is planned to be, could be thought to foster an appropriate sense of being almost in Britain, but not quite. Thus it would serve neither to raise unjustifiably the hopes of those seeking asylum (as temporary admission to Britain might do), nor to dash their hopes so thoroughly that they resort to desperate action.

Even without the Townsend Thoresen disaster, however, the idea of using a ship to give temporary refuge to people seeking asylum in Britain has one insurmountable flaw. What might appear a perfectly reasonable idea to Britons living in the security of their own homes, with their passports in order and their right to leave and re-enter this country unchallenged, will appear to in a quite different light to those who have no home, no recognized papers and no right of abode elsewhere.

Images of convict ships, prison islands and boat people have already been raised by organizations concerned with the welfare of refugees. Many of those seeking admission to Britain left their own countries in dangerous circumstances, some by sea. The symbolism of the ship will not escape any of them. It will inspire the fear that at dead of night it will weigh anchor and set sail for Saigon, Colombo, Gdansk or wherever they most fear to return.

At best, the Home Office plan should be regarded as a temporary solution to a temporary problem — the greater number of would-be refugees arriving in Britain. The provision of more accommodation should not, however, be seen as an alternative to the much-needed refinement of procedures for the reception of refugees. It is vital to ensure that the welfare of genuine refugees is not compromised by others whose need of refuge is rooted only in a desire for a better standard of living.

A start was made with the measures announced by the Government recently to fine airlines for carrying people whose claim to refuge is judged unfounded. Also welcome are proposals drafted by EEC interior ministers earlier this week to standardize Community immigration procedures and ensure that criteria for refugee status are applied consistently across the Community. A local dispute about a refugee ship should not be allowed to hinder this progress.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Use of dual-capable weapon systems

From Field Marshal Lord Carver

Sir, In your issue of April 29, Professor Sir Michael Howard makes use of his unrivalled expertise in military history and of his natural wisdom to cast a bright light of common sense on the current concern over Soviet proposals in nuclear arms control. One must hope that this Government will pay more attention to his views than they have in the past.

An issue which complicates a solution to the control of medium and shorter-range nuclear delivery systems in Europe is that of dual-capable systems: that is those which, in theory, could be used to deliver either nuclear or non-nuclear warheads, of which the Pershing 1a is one.

With the development of greater accuracy in delivery and of non-nuclear warheads which can effect destruction on targets, for which in the past it was thought necessary either to use nuclear warheads or a very large number of conventional bombs, it is becoming clear that there are many tasks in support of land forces which would be better performed by land-based missiles than by vulnerable and expensive piloted aircraft.

As long as such systems are classified as dual-capable, they are inevitably drawn into the nuclear arms control argument. It would also be of vital importance, if hostilities were to break out, not to provoke the enemy to assume that they were about to launch nuclear warheads, when they were not.

In addition, therefore, to acting on Sir Michael Howard's advice, the Government should address itself, and persuade its allies to do so, to the problem caused both by having dual-capable delivery systems and the need to support Nato's land forces in future with land-based missile systems delivering non-nuclear warheads.

Yours truly,
CARVER,
House of Lords.

Friends of CND

From Mrs I. M. Leaton Webb

Sir, In your leader (April 27), "A silenced voice", you state that "only during the last 18 months of its existence has CND paid any attention *at all* to the arguments against nuclear power stations" (my emphasis) and imply that CND's joint mass demonstration with Friends of the Earth (FOE) to commemorate the anniversary of the disaster at Chernobyl was in some way opportunist.

Both the statement and the implication are wholly false.

As a director of FOE until December, 1986, I witnessed CND submitting evidence to the Sizewell public inquiry into the building of the first pressurised water nuclear reactor in the UK. The inquiry ran from January 11, 1983, until March 7, 1985, and consequently it was during this period that CND submitted evidence. Thus CND's interest in nuclear power has been evident for a period greater than 18 months and has been of the highest order; no organisation in the voluntary sector undertakes the time-consuming and expensive process of a public inquiry unless the matter is of profound concern.

This concern with nuclear power took place at precisely the time that your leader denotes as "a high point [of membership] of 110,000 in 1984/5" for CND.

Additionally, since 1980 CND groups have worked with Friends of the Earth, Green Party and local interest groups in the East Anglian Alliance Against Nuclear Power (EAAANP). Their affiliation is a matter of record.

A leader is by custom a place of opinion; it should not masquerade as fact.

Yours faithfully,
IRIS WEBB,
12 Ruskin Road,
Ipswich, Suffolk.
April 27.

Teachers' duties

From Mrs Joan Seed

Sir, Mr V. Dennison (April 24) should consider himself lucky with a rate rise of under 2 per cent. Here in Manchester rates have been increased by 20.8 per cent, *despite the fact that — apart from* high court judges and such like — nobody's income increases by this amount, and those of us (widows *et al.*) on fixed incomes with families to support, as always, bear the brunt as our standard of living goes down and down.

Yes, I did say 20.8 per cent. It is not a typing error.

Yours, near the official poverty line, no doubt soon to be below it,
J. M. SEED,
41 Clothorn Road,
Didsbury,
Manchester.
April 24.

From Mr Michael Williams

Sir, It is to be hoped that Mr Dennison did not spend 40 years teaching mathematics. Of course 34p does not represent a 2.1 per cent increase in his monthly pension. What has happened is that his pension payment date is shortly after April 6, when the rise occurred, and he had only earned a day or two of the increase. In a month's time he will have an agreeable surprise.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
MICHAEL WILLIAMS,
29 South Canterbury Road,
Canterbury, Kent.

Ethiopian prisoners

From Mr David Harris, MP for St Ives (Conservative)

Sir, Your editorial (April 22), "The Minister and the Colonel", focused attention on Mrs Chalker's visit to Ethiopia and Britain's proper concern for basic human rights in that country.

Without wishing to interfere in the domestic politics of Ethiopia, I would like to give a reminder that there are quite a number of us in Britain who remain deeply concerned about the continuing imprisonment of the 10 members of the former Imperial family.

For years, we have had hints that these unfortunate people — mainly middle-aged ladies — will soon be released. Because of this, we have not campaigned publicly for their release for some time.

But if mercy is not shown by then, they will have spent 13 years in prison without trial, come September.

Surely, in all humanity, they could be allowed to leave Ethiopia quietly and without fuss. Could I, through your columns, make a fresh appeal to the Government there to allow this to happen without further delay?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HARRIS,
House of Commons.

US death penalty

From Mr John Kentleton

Sir, Peter Brimelow's interesting article on the American Constitution (April 18) overstates the "several specific endorsements" of the death penalty in its text. The references to "capital" offences or the deprivation of "life" in fact appear only in the Fifth Amendment, the purpose being restrictive, not prescriptive; a phrase of similar intent is also used in the later Fourteenth Amendment. Even article III, section III, relating to treason, leaves its penalty to Congress. Significantly, though, the Eighth Amendment expressly disallows "cruel and unusual punishments".

Reaganite "strict-constructionist" judges notwithstanding, it is reasonable to see this phrase, in the light of modern circumstances, as providing a basis for the abolition of the death penalty. Such an interpretation would save the United States from the impending plethora of executions, a fate which even threatens the teenage girl in Indiana referred to in your grim report (April 11).

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KENTLETON,
The University of Liverpool,
Department of History,
8 Abercromby Square,
Liverpool, Merseyside.

Shakeout upcoming?

From Mr Bruce Buchanan

Sir, The following extended euphemism, headed "Outplacement", was included in a brochure recently sent to my office by a firm of management consultants.

Career planning must also include the management of those senior people who are no longer able to contribute within your business.

Our outplacement service provides a means by which certain managers and executives can be encouraged to replan and rebuild thier (*sic*) careers outside the framework of your organisation. The . . . system is designed to promote efficient, quiet and smooth transition at senior levels.

Those of your readers interested in words will find here much to intrigue them, particularly the sinister use of "certain", "efficient", "quiet", and "smooth". Note also "contribute within" rather than "to" in the first sentence and "system" in the last, giving a mechanical feel to the concept and depersonalising the whole process.

We hear much about the debasement of the language these days, but it is clear that the forces of construction are also at work.

I have, the honour to remain,

Sir, your humble servant,
BRUCE BUCHANAN, Director,
J. W. Walker & Sons Ltd,
Brandon, Suffolk.

Status of bishops

From Sir John Barnes

Sir, My fingers have been itching to pick up a pen and write to you about bishops. A controversial appointment to Birmingham is where I came in, with my father's nomination there in 1924. *Plus ça change* . . . But I resisted temptation until the Bishop of Rochester's letter today (April 22), of which I think I disagree with almost every word.

Disestablishment would be the *kiss of death for the Church of* England. Whatever Professor Douglas Jones may say (April 14), the Church is certainly not now the Tory Party at prayer. I have seen the Archbishop of York described as the SDP at prayer. Presumably the Bishop of Salisbury is the CND at prayer, Mgr Kent having contracted out.

No, Sir, the Church is and should be the nation at prayer. The Bishop of Chichester (April 14) had it right. The Crown and its advisers should hold the ring. Church appointments are too dangerous to be left to the Church alone, still less to one faction within the Church.

A bishop of Birmingham is not appointed to minister to the faithful converted alone. He must hold his own with civic leaders, many of whom are traditionally non-conformist, with industrialists who may not even be believers, with the intellectuals of a great university, with his Roman Catholic brethren and with all the alienated young people and unemployed of the Midlands. It looks as if a good choice has been made. It might not have been, had it been left to churchmen alone.

As for the House of Lords, surely it should be the sounding board for people actively engaged in different aspects of the national life, of which the Church is one. To confine the spiritual representation to retired bishops no longer running dioceses would be a negation of the Church's proper function. Equally, to give the Church an exclusive right to make its own appointments would risk reducing it to an unrepresentative sect.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BARNES,
Hampton Lodge,
Hurstpierpoint,
West Sussex.
April 22.

Obstacles in path of schools reform

From the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Strathclyde

Sir, The correspondence initiated by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of York (feature, April 15) is of great importance to the future of education in this country and to the well-being of the country itself. Several other vice-chancellors (and their universities) strongly support his views.

For those of us in Scotland that is rather easy, since traditions north of the border have persistently supported general education at school and at university. The success of Scottish education is the plainest evidence that Professor Saul's proposals would work.

Those familiar with English education will realise that his common-sense views have many enemies. As one who took part in three previous attempts (by the Schools Council) to broaden A-level curricula, I wish to remind present-day enthusiasts of the powerful vested interests standing in their way.

These include universities which advocate and support highly selective entrance requirements; a wide range of schools, many of them fee-paying, and those professors and others whose loyalty to their subjects is such that they cannot see beyond their boundaries.

The peculiarly English devotion to narrow scholarships and therefore of early specialisation in schools and universities is of long standing. It will not easily give way to this latest attempt to bring us into line with the rest of the world.

The way forward then is to decouple the curricula of schools from those of the universities and to let both serve their own purpose in their own time. The crucial step is to base entry into higher education on agreed *minimal* performance at the International *Baccalaureate or its equivalent* and so to widen the range of entry as positively to discourage early specialisation and the A-level examinations which demand it.

Early specialisation, excessive devotion to the single honours degree, to over-academic studies, researches and the cultural attitudes which flow from them have all contributed to this country's industrial decline. Clever we may be, competent we are not. Lifelong learning, constant retraining and intellectual mobility are the means whereby we shall regain and retain skills on which a new prosperity can be soundly based.

Yours sincerely,
GRAHAM HILLS,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McCance Building,
16 Richmond Street,
Glasgow.
April 28.

Jury challenge

From Mrs A. L. Gordon

Sir, There is one cogent argument against abolishing the right of peremptory challenge to jurors to which Bernard Levin has not referred (April 27).

Defence counsel frequently attempt to pick jurors apparently "suitable" for their defendants. In particular, they almost always try to exclude anyone who might remotely — from their appearance and age group — be likely to possess hard-line views on law and order.

Presumably those in the know now dress accordingly. Must juries consist of clones of the accused? It seems a strange form of justice.

Yours,
HILARY B. GORDON,
G3 Marine Gate, Marine Drive,
Brighton,
East Sussex.

Des. res. in China

From Mr Michael de Havilland

Sir, Your Diary story, "Peking ploy" (April 23) gives the impression that the Chinese are now at long last being encouraged to buy their own houses. This is correct up to a point but house deals in China are a far cry from the Western system of ownership.

Under ancient Chinese law, strictly observed for over 40 centuries, the freehold of land was always invested in the Government which held it in trusteeship for the people.

Nothing has changed. New house "owners" will not own their freehold. Such a thing could only be made possible by drastic changes in the law, which is hardly likely.

Cordially,
MICHAEL de HAVILLAND,
China House,
St Mary's Road,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.
April 23.

In praise of aunts

From the Rector of Kedington

Sir, As your esteemed newspaper has still, for many of us, an auntlike status, it is appropriate that you should allow your correspondent, Mr David Conway (April 24), to encourage us to devise an equivalent for the benign "avuncular".

"Parensororial" is my suggestion — majestic, if a shade weighty.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM MASON,
The Rectory, Kedington,
Haverhill, Suffolk.

From Mr N. D. W. Thomas

Sir, May I suggest "auntique"; it does, I think, convey the old world charm of the species.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS D. W. THOMAS,
8 Wellington Road,
Bebington,
Wirral, Merseyside.

From Mrs Michael Gemmell

Sir, It has long been the custom in our family to use "tarantular".

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN GEMMELL,
Holtye House,
Cowden,
Edenbridge, Kent.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 1 1786

This extract is taken from a treatise on the administration of French finances written by Jacques Necker (1732-1804) after he had resigned as Director-General of Finance in 1781. The placing of the general's report to the French king Louis XVI just below this extract makes a revealing comment on conditions before the French Revolution

EXTRACTS *from* Mons. NECKER, *on the Civil List Establishments.*

(Continued.)

XI. Total expence of the Queen's household about 4,000,000 . . .

XII. General expences relative to the Dauphin; Madame, the King's daughter; Madame Elizabeth, sister to the King, and Mesdames, aunts to the King, about 3,500,000 livres . . .

I shall add, that my motive, in the above statement of the expences commonly known, under the name of the *expences of the King's Household*, was to shew, that only part of them concerns his Majesty's person. Exaggerated ideas are always formed on what is not clearly ascertained, and imagination always goes greater lengths than truth. The nation ought certainly to wish, and love to see its Sovereign surrounded by the splendour that belongs to his dignity; the reigning monarch is moderate in his inclinations, simple in his manners, and loves his people; supported by these sentiments, a Minister who should fix his attention on the reform of the expences of the Court, would find it so much the easier to approach rational perfection.

XIII. The funds yearly paid on account of the *Royal Prince*, brothers to the King, for the maintenance of their household, amount to about 8,300,000 livres . . .

These Princes enjoy, besides the revenue proceeding from the Royal demesnes that were granted them: each of these grants was fixed at an yearly landed income of 200,000 livres, . . . but the formalities observed in the estimation are such, that even from the beginning of the real income amounted much higher: and I do not think it an exaggeration to estimate the actual produce of these two grants at *nearly two millions* . . .

The Princes of the Royal blood enjoy, under the Sovereign's sanction, the right of nomination to all casual offices throughout the extent of those grants, which comprises one-seventh part of the kingdom: the King's brothers have obtained the same privilege with respect to all consistorial livings . . .

Extract of a letter from Paris, April 20.

"Lewis XVI. who is desirous of knowing everything that takes place in his dominions, is particularly curious to be informed of the situation of the poor in his kingdom. Some weeks back he commissioned a Lieutenant General to whom he is much attached, and in whom he places the greatest confidence, to make a tour of France, and scrupulously to inspect every particular that regarded the poor. On his return on the 16th the officer made the following report to his royal master:— "Sire! I have endeavoured to acquit myself of your Majesty's commands: I have travelled amongst the poor, and am glad that I found so much misery in their habitations, that I know *when* your Majesty is made acquainted with the extent of it, your royal goodness will find out some method to alleviate the distress of such a multitude of your Majesty's subjects as are continually perishing for want throughout the realm of France. The poverty that I have witnessed in your Majesty's dominions harrowed up my very soul. In many villages which I passed through, I was sensibly affected in some houses not to find a bed, in others I could not see a pot or kettle: here there was no blanket; there the parents and children were *nearly* naked! — They had been forced to part with the most necessary articles in house-keeping to pay the imposts to their Sovereign." The King was so affected at the recital, that he assured his informant, that before a considerable period should elapse he would take such measures as would enable the poorest subject in France to have a piece of good meat for his family at least three times in the week . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 30: The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by the Lord Buxton of Alsa, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this evening in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight upon the conclusion of His Royal Highness's visit to the United States of America.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this afternoon opened the new Rehabilitation Unit at the Mayday Hospital, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Mayor of Croydon (Councillor Peter Macdonald) and the Chairman, Croydon Area Health Authority (Dr Maureen Adams).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Grain and Feed Trade Association (President, Mr G. Richardson) at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, W1.

Mrs Timothy Holderness Roddam was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this morning upon the departure of The Duke and Duchess of Kent for Sierra Leone and bade farewell to Their Royal Highnesses on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 30: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, this morning visited the Regimental Museum in Cardiff Castle.

Her Majesty subsequently honoured the Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Councillor David Evans) with her presence at luncheon at Cardiff Castle.

In the afternoon Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother opened the new developments at St Tydfil Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil.

Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lady Angela Oswald, Sir Alastair Aird and Major John Griffin were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 30: The Princess of Wales this evening attended a dinner with British and American Cancer Surgeons at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, W1.

Mrs Max Pike and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 30: The Duke of Gloucester arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this morning at the conclusion of his visit to Bermuda.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester was represented by Mr Peter Nathan at the Memorial Service for Mr Jim Dunbar which was held at St John's Wood Church, NW8, today.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 30: The Duke and Duchess of Kent today left Royal Air Force Northolt in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Sierra Leone.

Their Royal Highnesses were received upon arrival at Northolt by His Excellency Mr C.B. Aubee (High Commissioner for Sierra Leone) and Sir Edwin Arrowsmith (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs).

Sir Richard Buckley and Mrs Alan Henderson are in attendance.

Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones celebrates her birthday today.

A memorial service for Mr A. Lowry Creed, Headmaster of Kingswood School from 1959 to 1970 and a former Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, will be held in Kingswood School Chapel, Bath, on Saturday, May 9, 1987 at noon.

Birthdays today

Earl Bathurst, 60; Mr Steve Cauthen, jockey, 27; Professor Ralf Dahrendorf, Warden-elect, St Antony's College, Oxford, 58; Sir Irvine Goulding, former High Court Judge, 77; Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, 76; Professor Philip King, sculptor, 53; Miss Joanna Lumley, actress, 41; Mr Julian Mitchell, writer, 52; Dame Felicity Peake, first director, WRAF, 74; Sir Lindsay Ring, former Lord Mayor of London, 73; Miss Una Stubbs, actress, 50; Mr Justice Taylor, 57; Miss Wendy Toye, theatrical producer, 70; Miss Maysie Webb, former deputy director, British Museum, 64; Vice-Admiral Sir John Woodward, 55.

Marriages

The Earl of Woolton and the Hon S.F. Birdwood
Prince Edward attended the marriage at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, yesterday of the Earl of Woolton, son of the late Earl of Woolton and of Countess Lloyd George of Dwyfor, and the Hon Sophie Birdwood, only daughter of Lord and Lady Birdwood. The Rev Christopher Courtauld officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by James Ogilvie, Freddie Fleming, Jason and Miriam Sandeman-Allen, Laura Elletson, Louisa Burrough and Cecilia Roche. Mr Michael May was best man.

A reception was held at the Ritz hotel and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr T.J. Hutton and Miss J.M. Langton
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 25, 1987, in Chelsea, between Mr Timothy Hutton, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Hutton, of Chiswick, London, and Miss Joanna Langton, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Langton, of Harpsden, Oxfordshire.

Memorial Service

Sir George Thalben-Ball
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir George Thalben-Ball was held yesterday at the Temple Church. The Master of the Temple officiated, assisted by Prebendary W.D. Kennedy-Bell. Lord Templeman, Treasurer of the Middle Temple, read the lesson and Mr Ernest Lough gave an address.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Joseph Addison, essayist, Milston, Wiltshire, 1672; Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington, Dublin, 1769.

DEATHS: John Dryden, poet laureate, London 1700; David Livingstone, Chitambo (Zambia), 1873; Antonin Dvorák, composer, Prague, 1904.

The Great Exhibition opened in Hyde Park, 1851.

Association of Lancastrians in London

Judge Pigot, QC, was installed as President of the Association of Lancastrians in London at the annual meeting held last night at the Waldorf Hotel. Air Marshal Sir Herbert Durkin was elected deputy president and Sir Ian Percival, QC, MP, and Sir Bernard de Hoghton vice-presidents.

Appointments

Sir John Fretwell, currently Ambassador to France, to be Political Director of the Foreign Office. He replaces **Mr Derek Thomas**, who is to be Ambassador to Italy from November, when **Lord Bridges** retires.

Mr Brian Unwin, a Deputy Secretary in the Cabinet Office, to be Chairman of the Board of Customs and Excise from September 11, in succession to Sir Angus Fraser, who is retiring.

Mr Charles McLachlan, Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire, to be one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary from May 5.

Mr Gerald E. Clark to be United Kingdom permanent representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, to the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation and to other UN organisations in Vienna. He succeeds **Mr M.J. Wilmshurst**. Mr Clark will hold the rank of ambassador.

Dr Maurice Hayes to be the new Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (PCA) and Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints. He takes up the post on July 9. He succeeds **Mr Hugh Kernohan**, who retires.

Lord Jellicoe to be president of the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust.

Society of Antiquaries of London

The following elections were made at the anniverary meeting of the Society of Antiquaries yesterday: Mr R.M. Robbins to be President, Dr D.W. Phillipson to be Treasurer, Dr G.J. Wainwright and Mr J. Cherry continue in office as Director and Secretary respectively.

Mr Michael Robbins has been treasurer of the society since 1971. He is Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Museum of London, Vice-Chairman of the Trustees of the Greater Manchester Museum of Science and Industry, and President of the Greater London Industrial Archaeology Society.

St Godric's College London

Summer Term has begun at St Godric's College. The annual College Ball will take place at the Hurlingham Club, Ranelagh Gardens, London, SW6, on May 16. Old students are welcome to attend and tickets are available from the Household Secretary, 2 Arkwright Road, London, NW3 6AD. The College Open day for the parents of current students will be held on Friday, July 3. Term ends on Friday, July 24.

Luncheons

High Sheriff of Greater London
The Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and the Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the Sheriff's Breakfast given by Mr Derek Steel, High Sheriff of Greater London, at Dyers' Hall yesterday. Others present included:

Lord Wigoder, QC, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, Sir Ian Percival, QC, MP, Mr Peter Archer, QC, MP, Mr Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Beldam, Judge Sir David West-Russell, Sir Kenneth Newman, Sir Godfrey Taylor, Judge Jean Graham Hall, the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire and the High Sheriff of Surrey.

Reuters
Reuters Holdings plc's annual luncheon took place yesterday at Guildhall. The hosts were the chairman, Sir Christopher Hogg, and the directors, Mr Donald B. Anderson, Mr J.A. Burnet (alternate director), Mr James Evans, Mr Peter Gibbings, Mr Robert Maxwell, Mr Rupert Murdoch, Mr Michael Nelson, Mr Glen Renfrew, the Hon Sir Richard Storey, and Mr Lyle Turnbull. The guest speaker was Sir Kenneth Berrill, Chairman of the Securities and Investments Board. The guests included:

Reuter trustees: Mr Kingman Brewster, Mr SGG Clarke, Mr CND Cole, Mr James Fairfax, the Hon Alan Hare, Lord Hartwell, Sir Gordon Linacre, Mr L Morgan, Lord McGregor of Durris, Viscount Rothermere, Mr RF Smith, and Mr JS Wallwork

Mr Eiji Akiyama, Mrs Anne Anderson, Dr Peter Andrlefski, Mr Fernand Auberjonois, Mr Robin Baldwin, Mr KW Barker, Mr Frank Barlow, Mr Roger Beardsley, Mr Myron Belkind, Mr WFA Bischoff, Lord Boardman, Mr JRS Boas, Mr AJ Booth, Mr Denis Bruel, Mr Lee Casey, Mr John Cavill, Mr Patrick Chumes, Mr Andreas Christodoulides, Mr PJ Clements, Mr John Coomber, Mr AN Coppell, Mr Andrew Sir Davidson, Lord Donoughue, Mr Werner Dressel, Mr W Dulhie, Mr Hiroshi Eguchi, Mr Hosny Emam, Mr Robert Escarpit, Sir Leslie Fletcher, Mr ADAW Forbes, Mr Mark Fox-Andrews, Mr HJ France, Mr Alfred Geiringer, Mr Graeme E Gilchrist, Mr DM Gunn, Sir Denis Hamilton, Mr Paul Heim, Mr Nicholas Herbert, Mr Ew Houdi, Mr Philip Hughes, Mr Richard B Hunt, Mr Jeremy Isaacs, Mr Graeme Jenkins, Mr Michael Jenkins, Mr H Kase, Mr M Kivela, Mr Andrew Knight, Mr Jeffrey Knight,

Mr M Kobayashi, Mr Nobuyuki Komatsu, Mr Michael P Lee, Mr John LePage, Mr Gilbert Leathwaite, Mr Magnus Linklater, Mr Nicholas Lloyd, Mr A Loynes, Mr Graham M Ludecke, Mr Bruno Marolo, Mr T Matsutani, Mr Neville Maxwell, Mr David L Mayhew, Mr Glen Moreno, Mr Alastair Morton, Mr George Mckendrick, Mr Lyle M Nelson, Mr David Nicholas, Sir John Nott, Canon John Oates, Mr Christopher Oxden, Mr Peter O'Hara, Mr Ian Park, Mr Jeremy Paulson-Ellis

Sir Edward Pickering, Mr WA Plummer, Mr NAL Purcell, Mr Peter Preston, Dr Huen Richards, Mr Frank Rogers, Mr Harry Romnes, Sir David Scholes, Mr K Seiki, Sir Eric Sharp, Mr Christopher Sherman, Mr R Simmons, Mr Warwick Spicer, Mr HE Staunton, Mr Robin Stormonth-Darling, Mr T Tamura, Mr Saago Tate, Mr Manfred ter Brink, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, Mr Hitoshi Tonomura, Mr John Trueman, Mr Alfred M Vinton, Mr Takashi Wada, Mr Colin Webb, Mr Menahem Weber, Mr Cater Wegener, Mr RK Westmacott, Mr ALW White, Sir Rowland Whitehead, Mr Robert Wickham, Mr Peter Widdowson, Mr Brian Williamson, Mr Charles Wilson, Mr Peter Wilson, Mr Robert Wilson, Mr Richard Winfrey, Mr Rupert Woolcombe, Mr Peregrine Worsthorne, Mr Stanislas Yassukovich, Mr Yu Gu and senior members of the staff of Reuters and its subsidiaries.

East European Trade Council
Lord Shackleton, President of the East European Trade Council, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by the council at the Royal Horseguards Hotel in honour of Mr Ivan Novak, leader, and members of the Hungarian industrial delegation. The Hungarian Ambassador attended.

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Mr Michael Howard, QC, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, was the guest of honour at the 1986 Pensions Journalist of the Year Awards luncheon held at the House of Commons, when he presented Miss Leigh Hopkinson and Miss Sue Ward with this year's awards. Mr Allan Durward, of The Alexander Consulting Group Limited, was in the chair. Among those present were:

Mr W Black, Mr A Fell, Mr MB Forsyth, MP, Mr P Fryer, Mrs S Gilbert, Mr E Hall, Mr P Hickson, Mr P Lloyd, Mr J Loudon, Mr J Marshall, Mr B McCormick, Mr J Pearce, Mr T Tickell, Mr A Veitch and Mr M Weston.

Dinners

HM Government
Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and Mrs Channon were hosts at a dinner held last night at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Hajime Tamura, Japanese Minister for International Trade and Industry, and Mme Tamura.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Terence Mallinson gave a dinner last night at City Hall in honour of Mrs Helen Hamlyn.

Scriveners' Company
Mr Martin J. Scannall, Master of the Scriveners' Company, assisted by Mr R.G. Swan, Upper Warden, and Mr Michael Maclagan, Renter Warden, presided at a dinner held last night at Apothecaries' Hall. The Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe also spoke. Group Captain the Earl of Ilchester and Sir John Owen were among the guests.

Caledonian Society of London
Mr E.E.C. Mekie, President of the Caledonian Society of London, welcomed the guests at the 150th anniversary dinner held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. The speakers were the Duke of Atholl, Dr G. Park, Mrs J. Muir and Mr J.A.D. Paton.

Institution of Civil Engineers
Mr Gwilym Roberts, President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Hilton hotel. The Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, and Mr Malcolm Stephens also spoke.

Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers
Mr Eric Hammond, General-Secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers' last night at Stationers' Hall to commemorate the granting of their charter. Mr Allen F. Thompson, Master, presided and Sir Jonathan Benn also spoke.

British Medical Association
Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, Chairman of the Central Advisory Committee, British Medical Association Deputising Services, was host at a dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Dr R.A. Keable-Elliott, treasurer, was the guest speaker.

Pensions Management Institute
The Pensions Management Institute held its tenth anniversary dinner last night at the Royal Garden Hotel. Lord Swann proposed the toast to the institute. The president, Mr E.A. Johnston, proposed the toast to the guests and Mr C.W. France replied on their behalf.

Electronic Engineering Association
Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, Paymaster General, was the guest of the Electronic Engineering Association at their annual dinner held at the Inter-Continental Hotel on Wednesday, April 29, 1987. He responded to the toast to the guests made by Mr Tony Thatcher, retiring president of the association. The other guests included:

Sir George Jefferson, Lord Orr-Ewing, Sir James Blyth, Lord Trefgarne, Sir Ernest Harrison, Sir William Barlow, Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Lord Gregson, Sir Gordon Brunton, Viscount Sandon, Lord Sherfield, Lord Lucas of Chilworth, and Sir James Cleminson.

Receptions

English-Speaking Union
Mrs Charles H. Price, II, President of the English-Speaking Union Music Council, and Mrs Edward Norman-Butler, chairman, received the guests at a reception held at Winfield House yesterday in honour of the 1987 ESU music scholars.

Hillier Parker
The partners of Hillier Parker, chartered surveyors, held a champagne reception at Claridge's hotel yesterday.

Foster Parents Plan
The Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs McMurtry gave a reception on Thursday, April 23, at the High Commissioner's residence to mark the golden jubilee of Foster Parents Plan.

Stradivarius sales are music to the auctioneers

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Two Stradivarius violins made top prices at Sotheby's yesterday.

The "Nadaud", dating from 1734, sold for £396,000 (unpublished estimate £250,000-£300,000) to an unnamed buyer from the Far East. The golden period for Stradivarius was in 1716 and "The Colossus", dating from that year, sold at Christie's the day before for £440,000. A 1734 violin would not previously have been expected to even approach that price.

The "Nadaud" is named after Edouard Nadaud, a teacher at the Paris Conservatoire, who sold it in 1909. Subsequently it belonged to Georges Kuhlenkampff, a concertmaster of the Bremen Philharmonic Orchestra. The fact that many connoisseurs had known and admired him clearly helped the price.

A second, very early, Stradivarius known as the "Ex-Stephens" and dating from 1690, was bought over the telephone from America by a professional musician for £154,000 (unpublished estimate £150,000).

With early instruments moving into higher and higher price ranges, there was also a new record for a nineteenth century violin. A Pressenda of 1829 sold for £56,100 (estimate £40,000-£55,000) to the same Far Eastern buyer who bought the "Naband", while a mid-eighteenth century Gagliano made a record £36,300 (estimate £20,000-£30,000).

There were also auction record prices for keyboard instruments. The Deutsches Museum in Munich spent £29,700 (estimate £15,000-£20,000) to secure a two-manual harpsichord of 1771 by Jacob Kirckman, of London, known to be a tonally exceptional instument. There was also a record price for a spinet when an instrument made by John Hitchcock, of London, in around 1760 sold for £16,500 (estimate £12,000-£15,000).

The morning sale totalled £1,515,107 with 14 per cent left unsold.

Sotheby's sale of Scotish pictures at Hopetoun House on Wednesday continued the dramatically high prices recorded by Christie's in Edinburgh the day before. A five foot painting of "Children Playing, Back Street, Glasgow" of 1956, by Joan Kathleen Harding Eardley, confounded the auctioneers by selling for £47,300 where they had only been estimating £2,000-£3,000.

There was a new auction price record for Edward Atkinson Hornel when his picture of a girl picking primroses made £30,900(estimate £10,000-£15,000) and a Peploe "Still Life with Tulips and Oranges" made £35,200 against an estimate of £6,000-£8,000.

Sotheby's London silver sale included a 1723 salver by Francis Nelme (95ozs) at £137,500 (estimate £30,000-£40,000) and a pair of 1701 wall lights by Thomas Corbett (49ozs and 55ozs) at £82,500 (estimate £30,000-£40,000).



Princess Alexandra being welcomed at Philadelphia by Mr Oliver Franklyn, the mayor's representative, at the start of her visit to the United States. She is due to open a Magna Carta exhibition in the city and a display of Italian Master drawings at the National Gallery in Washington.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.M.B. Barr-Sim and Miss C.F. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Barr-Sim, of Henham House, near Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and Katie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Taylor, of Brodrick Road, Wandsworth Common, London.

Mr J.R. Beastall and Miss N.F.L. Mays
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Rainey, younger son of Mr and Mrs F.G. Beastall, of Allestree, Derby, and Naomi Fiona Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. Mays, of Dubai and Wimbledon, London.

Dr N.O. Boheimer and Miss C.V. Bardsley
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Dr and Mrs K. Boheimer, of Castelnau, Barnes, and Clare, daughter of Mr J.V. Bardsley, of Luckington, Wiltshire, and Mrs Anthony Cox, of Wandsworth, London.

Mr S.D.E. Bromley and Mrs D.H. Sidwell
The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Bromley, of Solihull, West Midlands, and Diana, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Irving, of Watford, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.A. Ceisel and Miss J.A.H. du Boulay
The engagement is announced between John Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs E. Ceisel, of Niles, Illinois, United States, and Jacqueline Anne Houssemayne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.C.H. du Boulay, of Carronbridge, Dumfriesshire.

Mr M. Clinton and Miss S.M. Lloyd Williams
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr M.C. Clinton, of Waltham, and Mrs J.M. Higgins, of Godalming, and Sian Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Lloyd Williams, of Pluckley, Kent.

Mr S.A. Coles and Miss C.B Burgess-Allen
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr A.G. Coles, of London, NW3, and Mrs M.J. Coles, of London, SW1, and Christine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H.J. Burgess-Allen, of Salcombe, Devon.

Captain T.H. Emck and Miss M.L. Bulfield
The engagement is announced between Henry Emck, Royal Green Jackets, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs John Emck, of Candlesticks, West Wittering, West Sussex, and Marion, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Bulfield, of The Mill House, Mayfield, East Sussex.

Captain M.R. Etherington and Miss S.G. FitzPatrick
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Etherington, of Cliff House, Bideford, Devon, and Sioban Gabrielle, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs Denis Colman FitzPatrick, of Whatley Combe House, Whatley, Somerset.

Mr A. Hall and Miss A.V.B. Fuentes
The engagement is announced between Allan Hall, of St George's Fields, London, W2, and Angela V.B. Fuentes, of Leverton Street, London, NW5.

Dr M.E. Hallam and Miss S.J. Kerr
The engagement is announced between Mark Edward, son of the late Drs Keith and Jennifer Hallam, of Cambridge, and Susan Jean, daughter of Mr John C. Kerr and Dr Jean M. Kerr, of Glasgow.

Mr A.N. Hensher and Miss D. Gorsky
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr A.G. Hensher, of Onslow Square, London, and Mrs M.D. Grant-Langdon, of Bishop's Caundle, Dorset, and Diana, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Gorsky, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire.

Mr S.P.C. Kelly and Miss S.E. O'Sullivan
The engagement is announced between Stephen, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D.C.C. Kelly, of Canterbury, Kent, and Siobhán, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.V. O'Sullivan, of Streatham, London.

Mr R.M. King and Miss S.E. Belsham
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Rev A.R. and Mrs King of Upton upon Severn, Worcestershire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Belsham, of Chelmsford, Essex.

Mr A.W.R. Love and Miss J. Grenier
The engagement is announced between Anthony, youngest son of the late Captain J.M.W. Love, RA, and Mrs M. Davie and stepson of Mr A.J. Davie, of Chineham, Hampshire, and Juliet, only daughter of Rear-Admiral and Mrs P.F. Grenier, of Upton Scudamore, Wiltshire.

Dr B.R.D. Macdougall and Miss J.E. McNevin
The engagement is announced between Brian Macdougall, MRCP, MD, son of Mrs E.A. Macdougall, of Harare, Zimbabwe, and Jane Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. McNevin, of Malvern, Worcestershire.

Mr W.S. Morton and Miss J.M. Howorth
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs K.V.F. Morton, of Great Wilbraham, Cambridgeshire, and Jean, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Howorth, of Bramhall, Cheshire.

Mr P.G. Oakley and Miss S.M. Owers
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs D. Oakley, of Blackheath, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Owers of Pyrford.

Mr A.M. O'Connell and Dr P.S. Bunning
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs M.H. O'Connell, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, and Patricia, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Bunning, of Stapleford, Lincolnshire.

Mr T.R. Sykes and Miss L.J. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of Mr P.R. Sykes, of Bristol, and Mrs P.S. Sykes, of Clevedon, Avon, and Lucinda, only daughter of Mr H. Robinson, of London, and Mrs J.C. Wood, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Schools announcements

Bedgebury School, Cranbrook
The Summer Term at Bedgebury School, Cranbrook, Kent, began on April 22, with 369 girls in the school. The new Headmistress is Mrs M.E.A. Kaye, formerly Headmistress of Bedford High School. Important dates are: April 30, Open day for prospective parents; May 16, Old Girls' day - all are welcome, families too; June 27, Lower School day; July 10, Speech day and end of term.

Harrogate Ladies' College
Harrogate Ladies' College reopened for the Summer Term with 400 girls, 95 in the sixth form. Anna-Rosa Calveri is head of school. The main events for the term are: the reunion of former students on May 16; the commemeration service on May 22, when the guest preacher will be the Archdeacon of Richmond; sports and open day is on June 26, as is speech day and prizegiving in the Royal Hall, when Mr Giles Shaw, MP, will be the guest speaker. The sixth form ball, at the Hotel St George, will be on July 3. Half-term is from May 23 until May 31. Term ends on July 15.

The Downs School, Colwall
The Governors of The Downs School, Colwall, announce the appointment of Mr L.I. Murphy, currently Headmaster of Forres School, Swanage, as headmaster from January 1988, in succession to Mr D.H.M. Dalrymple.

Dauntsey's School
Summer Term at Dauntsey's School began on Tuesday, April 28 with 542 pupils at school. To celebrate the winning of the Tall Ships Race, a reception for the Master and Members of the Court of the Mercers' Company will be held aboard *Jolie Brise* at St Katharines Dock at noon on Thursday, May 14. Shakespeare's *As You Like It* will be performed in the Manor Woods on May 22, 23, 24 and 25. Sports day on May 26 will be followed by the half-term exeat. The confirmation service will be on June 7 and Old Dauntseians' day, will be on Sunday July 5. The annual dinner will be at Mercers' Hall on Thursday, October 8. Term ends with the Summer ball on Friday, July 10. Details of all events may be obtained from the school.

Malvern College
Summer Term at Malvern College began on April 27. C.W Collins is senior chapel prefect and J.G. Nicol is junior chapel prefect. The "The Malvern Marathon Walk" from Hereford to Malvern in aid of local charities will take place on Sunday May 3. The half-term exeat is from May 23 to 26 preceded by an orchestral concert in big school on May 22. The OM Gathering is on June 27 and term ends with commemoration on Saturday, July 11. The Right Rev Jeremy Walsh, Bishop of Tewkesbury, will preach at the commemoration service and Sir Robert Reid, (OM), Chairman of the British Railways Board, will present the prizes. The commemoration play, a joint production with Ellerslie School, is *The Beggar's Opera*, to be performed in the Martin Rogers Theatre on July 9 and 10 and then taken on to the Fringe of the Edinburgh Festival.

St Francis' College, Letchworth
Summer Term began at St Francis' College on Wednesday, April 22 and will end on July 15. Open day will be on Saturday, July 11 and SFCOGA weekend will be on Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21. Prize giving will be at the beginning of the Autumn Term on Thursday, September 24 and the guest speaker will be the Right Rev Crispian Hollis, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham.

Forest School
Term commenced at Forest School on Monday, April 27. Sir Reginald Beaumont Smith has retired as chairman of governors and Marshal of the RAF Sir Keith Williamson has assumed the chairmanship. Speech day and the old boys' cricket match will take place on Saturday June 6. Advance notice is given of a reunion for Old Foresters who left the school between 1950 and 1959 on Sunday, September 20, 1987. Details will be available from the warden's secretary. Term ends on Friday, July 10.

The St Marylebone School
Trinity Term at The St Marylebone School began on April 27. On May 1, Sir Yehudi Menuhin, OM, will unveil a plaque to the memory of Leopold Stokowski and will then attend a concert given by the school choir, the choir of St Marylebone Parish Church and the orchestra of the Royal Academy of Music.

OBITUARY

VISCOUNT TRENCHARD

Defence and industry

Viscount Trenchard, MC, industrialist and for a time a Conservative Minister, died on April 29. He was 63.

Thomas Trenchard, son of the first Viscount Trenchard - who effectively created the Royal Air Force, and then, as Metropolitan Police Commissioner, instituted major reforms of the London police - was born in December 15, 1923, and educated at Eton, from where he went into the King's Royal Rifle Corps during the Second World War. In 1944 he was awarded his Military Cross in recognition of his "initiative, quick action and complete disregard for heavy fire at close range" as a motor platoon commander.

After the war Trenchard joined Unilever as a management trainee, working in Canada as well as England, and eventually was appointed an executive director of T. Wall & Sons in 1953. A notable board-room career followed. He was chairman of the Wall's Meat Company from 1960 to 1966 and an executive director of Unilever Ltd from 1967 to 1977. He also served on official bodies in the food industry. From 1970-79 he was president of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene and he was a member of the Agricultural Research Council.

Trenchard succeeded to the title in 1956 but did not immediately take an active part in the affairs of the House of Lords. But by the mid-1970s he was contributing more frequently, particularly on industrial and commercial matters.

It was natural that he should get office when the Conservatives came back to power in 1979. As Minister of State at the Department of Industry he piloted much of the Government's industrial and commercial legislation through the Lords. Within his Department he dealt with private sector industries, financial assistance to industry under the Industry Act 1972 and regional industrial policy.

He was a driving force in the moves to encourage Japanese investment in car manufacturing in this country. The concrete results were to be seen in the operations established in Sunderland and elsewhere.

In 1981 he moved to the Ministry of Defence, where he became the first Minister of State for Defence Procurement, as part of a major reorganisation of the Defence structure. Trenchard was particularly concerned to secure value for money from the large sums spent on defence procurement. He was determined to fight the seemingly remorseless increase in costs between one generation of equipment and the next.

He left the Government in a reshuffle in 1983 but continued on the sidelines of politics, propagating his strong views on how the industrial structure had to be reformed if British people were not to lose their relative place in the world.

Trenchard was a genial, warm-hearted, intensely patriotic individual and a dedicated family man.

He married in 1948 Patricia, daughter of the late Admiral Sir Sidney Bailey. He is survived by her and their three sons, the eldest of whom succeeds to the title.

MISS JOSEPHINE BELL

Josephine Bell, the crime writer, who died on April 24, at the age of 89, was for nearly half a century a stalwart of the popular art.

She was born Doris Collier, the daughter of a Manchester surgeon, on December 8, 1897. Her father died when she was seven and the family moved to the south of England.

She was educated at Godolphin School, Salisbury, and then read medicine at Newnham College, Cambridge. She also took a keen interest in rowing and stroked the first-ever Newnham eight. She did her clinical training at University College Hospital where she met her husband Norman Dyer Ball, also a doctor, in 1923.

After his death in a car accident in 1936, she began writing detective stories under the pseudonym Josephine Bell. Her first book *Murder in Hospital*, appeared in 1937.

From then on she wrote steadily, producing a crime novel almost every year. In 1940 she added mainstream novels with romantic overtones to her output, and in 1967 she branched into historical fiction with the considerably praised *Tudor Pilgrimage*.

After the war she bought a five-ton yacht, which she sailed in the Channel with family and friends, and for a time her books had a nautical background.

But she will be best remembered for her work in the crime field, in which she wrote in a large variety of modes, detective stories, thrillers, the Gothic (*To Let, Furnished*) even crime stories with a strong vein of social criticism as in *Such a Nice Client* with its unsparing attack on thoughtless social workers. She gradually acquired a large and faithful following for work that was never less than literate and sturdily common sensical, flavoured with quiet irony and deft humour.

She was a founder member of the Crime Writers Association, for which she edited in 1961 a collection of valuable essays, *Crime In Our Time*. She was also for many years a member of the Detection Club, whose meetings she attended into late old age, expressing herself with a vigour which did not, however conceal her fundamental kindness.

She leaves a son and three daughters.

PERE PIERRE BENOIT

Père Pierre Maurice Benoit, OP, a distinguished Scripture scholar who spent most of his career in Jerusalem, died there on April 23. He was 80.

He played a key role in the conception of the Jerusalem Bible, the first modern Roman Catholic Bible to be translated from the original languages, and his archaeological as well as theological erudition were an impetus for research into the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Born in Nancy, Benoit entered the Dominican Order in 1924 and in 1932 was assigned to the Ecole Biblique et Archéologique Française in Jerusalem. There he taught New Testament until 1976 and continued his famous course on the topography of Jerusalem until incapacitated by illness.

He was director of the Ecole from 1965-72 and editor of the *Révue Biblique* from 1953-68.

Benoit's main role in the *Bible de Jérusalem* was as supervisor of the New Testament part but he also translated and annotated the Gospel of Matthew and the four Captivity Epistles. The *Bible's* layout invited the reader to approach the Scriptures as literature, and its detailed notes were a critical and theological commentary. Benoit actively collaborated in the revised second edition of the English version.

He developed an abiding interest in archeology although he never considered himself an excavator. Well aware of the archeologist's preference for the trowel rather than the typewriter, he encouraged the publication of details of current excavations in the *Révue*.

His own speciality was the archeology of Jerusalem which he knew in a detail unlikely ever to be surpassed. His principal concern was the light that topography could throw on the Biblical text, and his major contribution was to demonstrate that, during the trial of Jesus, Pontius Pilate must have resided in the palace of Herod the Great, the present citadel inside Jaffa Gate, rather than at the Antonia Fortress. Since the Antonia is the starting point of the traditional Via Dolorosa, his study created a stir when it was published in 1952.

Benoit also did important work in speculative theology. Invited to translate and annotate the treatise on prophecy for a French version of the *Summa Theologica* of St Thomas Aquinas, he went on to develop a sophisticated concept of Biblical inspiration. Appropriately, he was nominated as a theological expert for the last two sessions of Vatican II, where he contributed to the formulation of the documents on divine revelation, the Church, religious freedom and non-Christians' religion.

After the death of Roland de Vaux, OP, in 1971, he assumed the general editorship of the unpublished fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls in a very difficult period. The project had fallen disastrously behind schedule and after the invasion of East Jerusalem in 1967 the Israelis had possession of the scrolls. By adroit diplomacy Benoit won the consent of the governments of both Israel and Jordan to the continuation of the work and spent many exhausting hours trying to persuade recalcitrant scholars to finalise their commitments.

Last year he facilitated the transfer of the general editorship to Professor John Strugnell of Harvard.

Benoit never wrote a major book. His scholarly, theological and historical gifts were to a great extent frustrated by perfectionism.

This character trait, however, had a very positive side. He kept himself extremely fit, and in his seventies could walk much younger students into the ground. He was a yoga adept, and for many years worked sitting on the floor in the lotus position.

He had a fine singing voice and played the organ well enough to give public recitals.

Behind an austere facade was a warm and generous personality whose helpfulness to younger scholars was a byword.

His honours included doctorates from the universities of Durham and Munich. He was an Officer of the Legion of Honour and in 1962-63 was president of the Society of New Testament Studies, of which he was a founder member.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

The Lord said unto me. Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Jeremiah 1.7

BIRTHS

ANDERSON - On April 29th 1987, in Cambridge, to Jane (née Lambert) and David, a daughter, Elizabeth Margaret Owen.

BAYNHAM - On April 28th, at R.A.F. Hospital, Wegberg, to Janet (née Holgate) and Simon, a daughter, Emily Catherine, a sister for Caroline and Nicholas.

BELL - On April 28th, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton to Debra and Rupert, a second son Oliver.

BERMAN - On April 29th 1987, to Ali and Jon, a daughter, Rachel Josephine, a sister for Deborah.

BROWN - On April 30th, to Katharine (née Buchanan) and Michael, a daughter, Lucy, a sister for Emma.

CLARKE - On April 25th 1987, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Teresa (née de Chair) and Toby, a daughter, Augusta Elfrida, a sister for Theodora.

COOPER - On April 4th 1987, to Judith and Philip, a daughter, Emma.

FONTANHAZ - On April 28th, to Zoe (née Elpnick) and Nicholas, a son, Adam John.

FURLONG - On April 26th 1987, at the Portland Hospital, to Jennifer and Jim, a son, Simon James.

GREEN - On April 27th 1987, to Sarah Margaret (née Schoelles) and Richard George, a son, Harry Martin, a brother for William.

HENNINGS - On April 28th, at St Helier's, to Christine (née Jones) and Peter, a son, Richard.

JONES - On April 30th 1987, in Brunei, to Nel (née Stewart) and Mike, a son, Rory Alexander.

KNOSS - On April 18th, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, to Sue and Vyvyan, a son, Alastair Ben Chebaud.

MAYES - On April 24th, to Irene "Dill" (née Dilley) and Kevin, a daughter, Nigella Alice.

McCORMICK - On April 27th, to Lucy (née O'Sullivan) and Robert, a daughter, Henrietta, a sister to Rory.

MOLSON - On April 28th 1987, to Verena (née Cayzer) and Ian, a son, Edward Charles.

NICHOLAS - On April 27th, to Jane (née Milgate) and Peter, a son, Phillip David and daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, brother and sister to George.

QUIRKE - On April 23rd 1987, at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, to Kathryn (née Hussey) and James, a son, Michael Stephen Dominic, a brother for Kieron.

REDWOOD - On April 23rd 1987, to Janet (née Young) and David, a son.

TOYNBEE - On April 14th, to Lynn (née Kingston) and David, a son, Christopher Robert.

VANDERBURGH - On April 29th, in Toronto, to Kate (née Woolicombe) and Willy, a daughter, a sister for Michael.

WOOD - On April 28th, in Luton, to Amanda (née Jones) and Haydn, a son, Daniel Robert.

MARRIAGES

COTTEE:SMITH - On April 25th, at St Paul's Church, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, Trevor Cottee RE to Miss Julie Smith.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

HAYLETT:FORD - On 1st May 1947, at Caxton Hall, Westminster, Richard P G to Joan E.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

GRACE:BOWMAN - On 1st May 1937 at Barham, near Canterbury, Oliver to Marjorie.

MANNING:RUTHVEN-MURRAY - On May 1st 1937, Fredrick John Manning, Royal Air Force to Elizabeth Ada Anwyl Ruthven-Murray.

WINGATE-SAUL:STODDART - On May 1st 1937 at Sefton Park Presbyterian Church, Tony Wingate-Saul to Brenda Stoddart, now of Kippiswood, Surrey. With love and congratulations.

DEATHS

BONNS - On April 29th 1987, Professor Howard Reed, CMG, OBE, MA, MRCVS, of San Diego, Torreguadiaro, Spain, peacefully while with his family, at White House, Bramerton, Norwich, beloved husband of Katharine and father of Richard and Judith, grandfather of Emma and Richard. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Chrishall, Nr Royston, on Tuesday 5th May, at 2.30pm.

CAMPBELL - On April 27th, at Leckhampton, Marjorie Mary, widow of Vice Admiral Sir Ian, and greatly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Sapperton on Thursday May 7th at 2.30pm. No flowers please. Donations if wished to Lee Abbey Trust or Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton.

CHAPLIN - On April 28th 1987, peacefully, Charles Herbert Arthur of Rickmansworth aged 80 years, beloved husband of Elsie May and devoted father of Jon. Funeral service Christchurch, Chorleywood, Tuesday 5th May at 2.15pm, followed by cremation.

COUNTER - On April 30th, peacefully in hospital, Minna, widow of Thomas Counter, loving and much loved by her daughters and her 10 grandchildren.

DAVIE - On April 29th, Keith Maitland, priest of the Community of the Resurrection, in the 88th year of his age and the 43rd year of his profession. Rest in peace. Requiem and funeral at the House of the Resurrection at 11.45 Wednesday May 6th.

DESCHAMPSNEUFS - On April 28th 1987, Nora Frances, Beloved wife of Henry and mother of Sheila, Fanny, Alice and Rose. Cremation at South London Crematorium on Wednesday May 6th at 1.15pm.

GOADBY - On April 29th 1987, peacefully in hospital in Oxford, Ada Joan, aged 81 years, of Sandlake and latterly of Kiddington and Witney, Oxford, widow of late Brig. F.R.L. Goadby and sister of Miss Margaret Whitley. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday 12th May at 2.30pm. No flowers please. Donations, if wished, to The Earl Haig Poppy Fund, 48 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JY.

GRANDY - On Tuesday April 28th 1987, Leslie John D.F.C., at his home after an illness borne with great patience and courage, beloved husband of Pam and loving father of Gillian, Neil and Christopher. Funeral service at Efford Crematorium, Plymouth, on Tuesday 5th May at 3.30pm. Cut flowers only please or if preferred donations for MacMillan Nurses' Fund.. to South Hams Hospital, Kingsbridge, Devon.

HARDING - On April 29th, after a short illness borne with fortitude and dignity, Lucy Elizabeth, very much loved mother of Daphne and Victor, loving grandmother of Richard and Edward. Rest in peace with her dear grandson David.

HARTLEY - On April 27th, very suddenly, Clare Richenda, of Yew Tree Cottage, Burton, Nr Chippenham, Wilts, mother of Mark and Madeline. Funeral on Tuesday 5th May at 2pm at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Burton. Enquiries please to Badminton 514.

HILL - On April 28th 1987, peacefully in her sleep, Isobel Ann, widow of Robert Hill. Funeral service private.

LEPPER - On April 27th 1987, Alice Jean Heron, at Guildford after a short illness. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Wednesday 6th May at 2pm. All enquiries and flowers to Co-operative Funeral Service, Addison Road, Guildford.

LYNES - On April 21st 1987, George Patrick, suddenly at his home in Kinsale.. Co Cork, formerly of Kenley.. Surrey, dearly loved and missed by his family and friends.

NEIL - On April 29th, peacefully at home after a long illness, bravely and silently borne, Ruth Hilda, deeply loved wife of Donald, mother of Jenepher and Adrian, and grandmother of David, Clive and Vanessa. Victoria and Michael. Private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research, c/o Charles Snell Funeral Directors, Wimborne, Dorset. Memorial service at Wimborne Minster on Saturday May 9th at 3.00pm.

PITTARD - On April 28th 1987, peacefully at Yeovil District Hospital, Cyril John, aged 79 years of Firlands, Ilchester Road, Yeovil, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service takes place at St John The Baptist Church, Yeovil on Tuesday 5th May at 2.45pm followed by private cremation at Yeovil. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for the new Physiotherapy Unit, Yeovil District Hospital c/o G H Cook and Son Funeral Directors, Yeovil. Telephone 234 63/4.

QUINTON - On April 28th, Herbert William (Bart) of Forestfield, Horsham, dearly loved husband of Margaret and father of Tom, Christopher, Caroline and Peter, and grandfather of Catherine, William, Thomas, Michael, Sarah, Matthew and Lucy. Funeral Mass at Catholic Church, Springfield Road, Horsham on Friday May 1st at 10am, followed by burial at Hill Cemetery, Horsham. Family flowers only. Donations to St. Catherine's Hospice, Crawley, if wished.

REDMAYNE - On April 29th 1987, peacefully, Elisabeth Joyce, aged 82, beloved wife of the late Geoffrey Redmayne and much loved mother of Richard, Michael, Elisabeth and Ruth Mary. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Barton Road, Cambridge on Wednesday May 6th at 2.45pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please (no wreaths) to Townsend Funeral Directors Ltd, 18 High Street, Great Shelford Cambridge.

SHAW - On April 28th 1987, peacefully at St Christopher's Hospice, Stanley Shaw, C.E.ng.; F.I.M.ech.E; beloved husband of Vera, loving father of Linda and son-in-law Alick, and dear grandpa of Donna. Formerly D.F.V.E.P. at the M.O.D. (P.E). Cremation at the Beckenham crematorium on Tuesday 5th May at 11.00am. No flowers please, but donations if desired to St Christopher's Hospice, 51 Lawrie Park Rd, Sydenham, London SE26.

SHERWOOD - On April 28th 1987, suddenly in hospital, Victor James Sherwood, aged 68 years, of Rottingdean, Brighton (late of Bardfield Saling, Essex). Sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at Rottingdean Parish Church (St. Margaret's), on Tuesday May 5th at 11.15am, followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to E.Carter & Son, 20 Marine Drive, Rottingdean.

SIAREY - On April 29th, peacefully at home in her 86th year, Clarissa Marian. Dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St. Andrew's Church, Chinnor, Oxford, at 2pm Wednesday May 6th. Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired, to Renal Research Unit, Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, London, NW3.

SINCLAIR - On April 28th, peacefully after a stroke, at Thames Valley Nuffield Hospital, Wexham, Kenneth Gordon, late of Guadalmina Alta San Pedro D'Alcantara, Spain. Funeral Service on Thursday May 7th at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church, Denham Village. Enquiries to Waldma & Son Funeral Directors Tel: Uxbridge 33018.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

McALPINE - of Moffat. A Service of Thanksgiving for Mollie's life will be held at 11.30am on Friday 22nd May at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, Fawley, Henley-on-Thames.

ROOME - A Memorial Service to give thanks for the life of Leslie Room O.B.E., will be held on Monday June 8th at 11.30am in Hampstead Parish Church, London NW3.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

HOLLEDGE (Tom) - On May 2nd 1986. One year today you passed away, but in our hearts you will always stay. A heart of gold, a smiling face, no one on earth can take your place. God bless, loving wife Phyl, Robert, Gregory, Marian and grandsons.

WHITE-SMITH - Jean Mary (nee Allis). Our dearest mummy. We miss you, love you and you will never be forgotten. (May 1st 1984). Ian, Angela and Carole.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

BEEVERS - The funeral service (R.C.) for the Hon. Mrs Marjorie Singleton Beevers will be held today, May 1st, at St Andrew's Church, Holt, Norfolk, by kind permission of the Rector at 3.30pm followed by burial in Holt Cemetery.

Science report

Taking the heat out of man-made fibres

By Robert Matthews

One property of natural fibres, such as wool, that textile scientists have long tried to mimic is the way in which their constituent polymers naturally bind up into usable fibres.

Man-made fibres have to be made by polymerising the base material, melting or dissolving the product, and either squirting or extruding it into strands.

But now a South Korean polymer scientist, Dr Han Sik Yoon, of the Fibre and Polymer Synthesis Laboratory in Seoul, claims to have found a material that turns itself into fibres without the need for heat.

By eliminating an energy-intensive process, the development opens up the possibility of lower production costs, and cheaper clothing.

The molecules of many man-made materials, such as nylon, are very flexible, with only weak forces between the polymer chains, which tend to tangle up randomly. To get the chains to form strong fibres, these chains have to be warmed and drawn out.

Nature achieves this automatically in materials like wool. What Dr Han Sik Yoon has discovered is the same phenomenon of "self-assembly" in an aromatic polyamide called poly-*p*-phenylene-terephthalamide (PPT-A), a close relative of Kevlar, and the fire-resitant material Nomex.

The compound is similar to silk in that it consists of stiff polymer chains which interact strongly between each other. The research has shown that the PPT-A becomes a gel when polymerised with di-methylacetamide, which then reacts to form the long, spirally-twisted fibres resembling those of flax. This shape results because the molecular aggregation forces operating over just a few billionths of a metre hold the chains tightly together.

Dr Han Sik Yoon speculates that this crucial chain-packing mechanism found with PPT-A may prove to be a universal one that applies to the formation of all fibrous materials in nature, as PPT-A has certain similarities at a molecular level with nature's cellulose-like fibres.

Polymer chemists will now be searching for ways of making other man-made fibres show the same self-assembling phenomenon.

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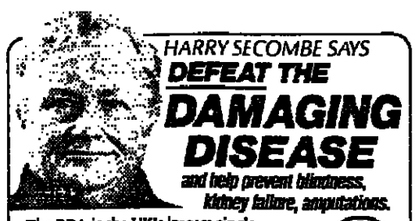
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BOOKING KEY
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE AMEN CORNER:** Transfer from the Tricycle of James Baldwin's powerful drama of a Harlem preacher facing revolt in congregation and family.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3686). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.50pm, Sat 8.15-11.05pm, matinée Wed 3-5.50pm, Sat 4.30-7.20pm, £4.50-£14.50.

☆ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Staged for the first time at the National, Peter Hall directs Anthony Hopkins and Judi Dench. Sold out until June.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Mon 7-10.45pm, matinée Sat 2-5.45pm, £5.50-£13.

☆ **BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS:** Neil Simon's vivid recollection of a Brooklyn childhood. Waves of emotion. Dorothy Tutin in an NT transfer.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404, cc 01-379 6233). Tube: Holborn. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.45pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinée Wed 3-5.15pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £4.50-£13.50.

☆ **BREAKING THE CODE:** Riveting performance by Derek Jacobi as the enigmatic Alan Turing, wartime computer genius and homosexual.
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed and Sat 3-5.30pm, £4-£13.50, until June 13.

☆ **DIARY OF A SOMEBODY:** Dramatized version of Joe Orton's frank diaries, expanded from a NT Platform Performance.
Kings Head Theatre, 115 Upper Street, N1 (01-226 1916). Tube: Highbury & Islington/Angel. Tues-Sat 8-10pm, Sun 3-5pm, £5. Extended until 6 June.

☆ **EDWIN DROOD:** American musical of Dickens's unfinished mystery novel. The audience picks the villain and chooses the ending. With Ernie Wise and Lulu.
Savoy Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Previews 7.45-10.15pm, matinées Tues, Sat 3-5.30pm, £5.50-£16.

☆ **THE HENRYS:** Michael Bogdanov's impressive productions of Shakespeare's Henry plays with Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V and John Woodvine as Falstaff.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616, cc 01-261 1821). Tube: Waterloo. *Henry IV part 1* Mon 7.30-10.30pm, Wed 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 10.30am-1.30pm, *Henry IV part 2* Tues and Thurs 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 3-6pm, *Henry V* Wed 2.30-5.30pm, Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 7.45-10.45pm, £3-£10.50 (ticket for all three plays £24), until May 2.

☆ **HIGH SOCIETY:** The show of the film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter.
Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, matinée Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.45-7.15pm, £7.50-£18.50.

☆ **LADY DAY:** Millicent Sparks in a Billie Holiday musical. Transfer after a sell-out run at the Donmar.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10pm, Sat 8.30-10.30pm, matinée Sat 5.30-7.30pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **MACBETH:** Adrian Noble's imaginative production from Stratford '86. *Jonathan Pryce* a ferocious regicide. Sold out until June.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-628 8795). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. Mon and Tues, Thurs-Sat 7.30-9.50pm, Wed 7-9.20pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 2-4.20pm, £5.50-£12, until July 4.

☆ **NUNSENSE:** Off-Broadway musical set in a convent; jokes about dead nuns.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 8.00-10.00pm, Sat 8.30-10.30pm, matinées Thurs and Sat 3-5.00pm. £8-£13.50.

☆ **SPIN OF THE WHEEL:** Musical about a dodge to revive an ailing TV quiz show that backfires on the dodgers.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-11pm, matinée Fri and Sat 5-7.30pm, £3.50-£15. Ends Sat.

☆ **THREE SISTERS:** Strongly cast Chekhov in a new translation by Michael Frayn.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Station: Greenwich. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, matinée Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £3-£7.50, until May 2.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ★ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-830 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ★ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ☆ **Woyzeck:** Leo Wringer plays Buchner's doomed hero and Mark Heath the doctor feeding him beans in a Company Three multiracial production.
New Vic, Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 264388). Mon-Wed 7.15pm, Thurs-Sat 7.45pm, £4.

LEICESTER: ☆ **Putting on the Ritz:** New John Godber play set in a disco threatened by racketeers; based on the TV series.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 8.00pm, matinée Sat 4.00pm, £3.50-£7.50.

LEEDS: ☆ **Torpedoes in the Jacuzzi:** Phil Young's new comedy revealing ambition and intrigue in West Yorkshire.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111). Mon and Tues 8-9.30pm, Wed-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, £4-£5.50, until May 2.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **The Merchant of Venice:** Oslo's Espen Skjonberg rejoins the company to play Shylock, with Harriet Walter as Portia.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, matinée Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, £2.50-£8.50.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Temptation:** Latest sharp comedy by Vaclav Havel, Czech dramatist banned in his own country.
The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, Mon-Fri £6.50, Sat £7.

STRATFORD: ☆ **TITUS ANDRONICUS:** aka People Pie, Shakespeare's bloodiest play; Elizabethans loved it.
Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 1.30pm, £7.50-£13.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

BLUE VELVET (18): David Lynch's surreal tale about the placid surface of an American small town being violently ripped apart. With Isabella Rossellini and Dennis Hopper(120 min).
Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). *Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40, 11.15.*
☎ Gate Cinema (01-727 4043). *Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.35, 8.55, 11.15.*
☎ Lumière (01-379 3014, cc 01-379 3014). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40, 11.15.
☎ Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 3.40, 6.10, 8.40, 11.15.

■ **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15):** Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Mattin) (113 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.

CRIMES OF THE HEART (15): Three sisters wrestle with their past and present lives. Polished, star-studded version of a Pulitzer Prize play, with Jessica Lange, Sissy Spacek and Diane Keaton(105 min).
☎ Odeon Haymarket (839 7697). Progs 2.15, 5.45, 8.30, 11.40.

■ **CROCODILE DUNDEE (15):** Australia's smash hit, with TV comic Paul Hogan as a crocodile hunter bemused by New York's urban jungle (98 min).
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30, 11.15.
☎ Plaza Lower Regent Street (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15, 11.15.

FAREWELL (PG): Elim Klimov's mystical film is about a remote Siberian village and its inhabitants, threatened by flooding as a result of a hydroelectric dam (140 mins).
Camden Plaza (01- 485 2443). Progs 1.20, 3.45, 6.10, 8.40.

■ **THE FLIGHT OF THE NAVIGATOR (U):** Joey Cramer as the boy who serves as navigator for a distant planet's space flights (90 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). *Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25.*

HOUR OF THE STAR (15): The portrait of a poverty-stricken and utterly hopeless life of a 19-year-old in Brasilia girl. Not without humour (96 mins).
Everyman Cinema (01-435 1525). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

JUMPIN' JACK FLASH (15): Whoopi Goldberg takes on the CIA and MI5 in this funky comedy directed by Penny Marshall (105 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.50, 8.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs1.25, 3.45, 6.05, 8.30, 11.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30, 11.15.
☎ Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 3.00, 6.00, 8.25.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (PG): Eccentric story of a boy, a girl and a man-eating plant called Audrey II. With Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene and many cameo appearances. Directed by Muppet man Frank Oz (94 min).
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.15, 8.45.
☎ Warner West End (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40, 11.15.

■ **PERSONAL SERVICES (18):** Terry Jones's outrageous comedy, inspired by the life of Cynthia Payne, stars Julie Walters as the London madam. Not for the easily offended (105 min).
Cannon Edgeware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35, 11.20.
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.30.
☎ Plaza Lower Regent Street (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.

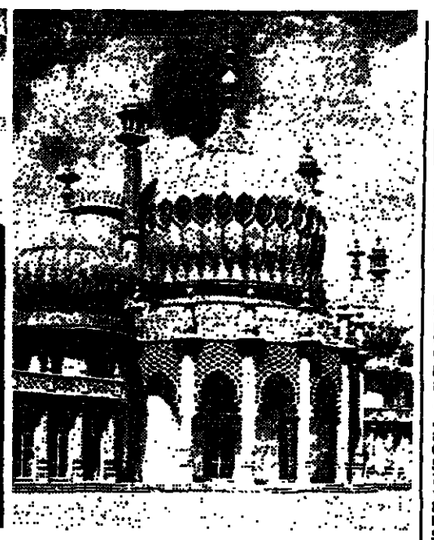
PLATOON (PG): Oliver Stone's intense anti-war drama which scoooped up four Oscars. With Willem Defoe and Tom Berenger as sergeants at loggerheads in Vietnam (120 min).
☎ Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111, cc 01-930 3222). Progs 11.15, 2.00, 5.00, 8.00, 11.15.

PRICK UP YOUR EARS (18): Joe Orton's life, loves and times. Strong performances from Gary Oldman and Alfred Molina as the playwright and lover locked into a destructive relationship (110 mins).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.15, 8.45, 11.30.

TOUGH GUYS (15): Two great stars — Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas — in a minnow of a film about gentleman crooks adjusting with difficulty to life outside prison (103 mins).
☎ Odeon Kensington (01-602-6644, cc 01-602 5198). Progs 2.55, 5.10, 8.25.
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 6.00, 8.45, 11.45pm.

■ **THE VOYAGE HOME — STAR TREK IV (PG):** The Enterprise team star in another slick fantasy.
Leonard Nimoy directs (119 min)
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15, 11.00.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.55, 5.35, 8.15, 11.15.
☎ Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.15, 8.40.
☎ Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.





This evening, on the lawns of the Royal Pavilion (right), the 21st Brighton Festival will be opened by Sir Richard Attenborough (left) whose cinematic links with the town include playing the boy gangster, Pinkie, in *Brighton Rock* and directing much of *Oh What a Lovely War* on the magnificent pier. Apart from Edinburgh, Brighton is Britain's biggest arts festival with, this year, a record 500 events. The programme celebrates the Nordic arts under the general theme of "myth, magic and legend". There are theatrical companies from Norway, Finland and Sweden and the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra will perform the complete symphonies of its compatriot, Sibelius. The Nordic connection extends also to opera and Verdi's *A Masked Ball*, which was based on the assassination of the 18th century Swedish king, Gustavus III. Censorship forced Verdi to change the setting from the Swedish court to colonial Boston; here New Sussex Opera restores the European setting. In the literary field a Nordic flavour is provided by Magnus Magnusson, who will talk about his new book, *Iceland Saga*. The festival runs until May 21 and the closing ceremony includes the unveiling of a statue of the Brighton athlete, Steve Ovett. Festival office: (information 0273 571211; tickets 0273 674357/8/9), 111 Church Street, Brighton. *Anne Whitehouse*

EVENING

☆ **MAYDAY MOZART:** The Brodsky Quartet perform Mozart's Quartet K421 and are joined by Nicholas Cox for the Clarinet Quintet K 581.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **ARMSTRONG/LPO:** Richard Armstrong conducts the LPO in Rossini's *Semiramide* Overture, Kodály's *Háry János* Suite, Richard Strauss's symphonic poem *Till Eulenspiegel*.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE51 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4.75.

☆ **GUILDHALL/FELLOWSHIP:** Scott Stroman conducts the Guildhall Chamber Orchestra in his own *Hosanna*, then the London Fellowship Choir, Guildhall Chorus and soloists are added for Mozart's *Requiem* and Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3-£6.

OPERA

☆ **SIMON BOCCANEGRA:** David Alden's somewhat contrived production of Verdi's dark masterpiece, with powerful performances from Jonathan Summers in the title role and Arthur Davies as Gabriele Adorno. Peter Robinson takes over the baton from Mark Elder.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St. Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£18.50.

☆ **FLAVIO:** Handel's opera in a production by Cambridge University Opera Society, with Clara Miller, Verona James and Jonathan Kenny.
University Music School, 11 West Road, Cambridge (0223 352000), 7.45-11pm, £5 (£3 students).

☆ **RUDDIGORE:** The last lap of Ian Judge's witty and handsome production of the G & S mock-melodrama for New Sadler's Wells Opera.
Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury 0227 67246), 8-10.30pm, £6.50-£12.50.

ROCK

☆ **THE GAP BAND:** With such memorable chart slogans as "Oops Upside Your Head", "Burn Rubber On Me" and "Humpin'", the three Wilson brothers from Tulsa, Oklahoma are not noted for their philosophical insights so much as for their irresistible funk dance beats.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline St, London W6 (01-748 4081). 7.30pm, £9.50.

☆ **JULIAN COPE:** With "World Shut Your Mouth" and "Trampolene", Cope has consolidated a rather erratic career. However, his backing musicians don't seem to have much of a stake in the enterprise, and the current show is a rather laboured presentation.
Leeds University SU, Liston Place (0532 439071), 8.30pm, £5.

☆ **CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT:** Contenders for the teenybop crown, although "Ordinary Day" failed to follow "Down To Earth" into the Top 10.
Royal Court, 1 Roe St, Liverpool (051 709 4321) 7.30pm, £5.

JAZZ

☆ **SWINGLE SINGERS:** Parisian vocal virtuosi whose jazz-up Bach found some favour in the Sixties.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £6).

☆ **FAPY LAFERTIN:** Gypsy violinist, noted for his work with WASO.
Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8.30pm, £3.50.

GALLERIES

JEWELS OF THE ANCIENTS: Selections from the Sackler Collection of near-eastern jewellery from antiquity to the 12th century, when personal decoration indicated status.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052), daily 10-6pm, £2.50, until June 28.

FRANS WIDERBERG: Strident, mythical oils, watercolours and prints by a major Norwegian painter.
Brighton Polytechnic Gallery, Grand Parade, Brighton (0273-604141), Mon-Fri 9-5pm, free, until May 27.

FITZGERALD MOORE: Nostalgia rules the waves in these paintings of mountainous seas and clippers at full sail.
The Medici Society, 26 Thurloe Street, London SW7 (01-589 1363), Mon-Fri 9-5.30pm, Sat 9-5pm, free, until May 20.

CONTEMPORARY BRITISH WOODCUTS: Steven Campbell, Lee Grandjean and Michael Rothenstein lead a survey which revives interest in an expressionistic medium.
Sudley Art Gallery, Mossley Hill Road, Liverpool (051-227 5234), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until May 10.

RAOUL DUFY (1877-1953): A selection of typically optimistic works in various media by the painter of Mediterranean leisure.
JPL Fine Arts, 26 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2630). Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, free, until May 8.

DANCE

☆ **THE SLEEPING BEAUTY:** Nicola Katrak and Joseph Cipolla dance Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's production
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066) 7.30-10.30pm, £1-£23.50.

☆ **TOUCH THE EARTH:** New work by Rosemary Butcher with Michael Nyman, composer, and Dieter Pietsch, visual artist.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107), 1-2pm £2, 8-9pm £4.

☆ **SCREAM:** By Finnish dancer Jorma Uotinen to Schubert's Death and the Maiden quartet.
Gardner Centre, University of Sussex, Brighton (0273-674357) 7.45-8.30pm, £2.75-£4.50.
☆ **BONSAI:** This and other works by Pilobolus Dance Theatre from New York.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm. £3.50-£12.

WALKS

JEWISH GHETTO ALLEYS & OLD COCKNEY QUARTER:
Meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3.

TUDOR & ELIZABETHAN LONDON: "FLOWER OF CITIES ALL":
Meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

JACK THE RIPPER'S VICTORIAN LONDON: Meet Aldgate East tube (art gallery exit), 11am, £2.

LEGAL LONDON — THE INNS OF COURT & OLD BAILEY:
Meet at Temple tube, 10.30am, £2.50.

HAUNTED LONDON — A GHOST WALK: Meet Covent Garden tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

TALKS

EDUCATION AND EUROPE: THE WAY AHEAD: Joseph Lauwerys Memorial Lecture, given by Hywel Jones.
University of London, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, 6.15pm, free.

TURNER — THE 1800s: (See caption).
The Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1, 1pm, free.

THE MENTAL AND THE MATERIAL: Maurice Godelier argues that modern notions of economic determination are invalid in primitive societies and instead emphasizes the role of culture and family relations
ICA, The Mall, London, SW1, 7.30pm, £2.

HISTORIC INNS AND INN SIGNS: Talk by Ronald Sands.
Lake District National Park Visitor Centre, Brockhole, Windermere, Cumbria, 3.30pm, £1.20.



The reputation of Joseph Mallord William Turner (above, in a self portrait) as arguably Britain's greatest painter was finally sealed by the recent opening by the Queen of the Clore Gallery at the Tate, where Turner's works are on permanent display. As well as studying the paintings themselves, you can learn more about them, and the artist, in the gallery's free lectures. Today David Brown, of the Turner Collection, talks about "Turner — the 1800s".

OTHER EVENTS

CROWNING OF THE MAY QUEEN: Pretty ceremony with May pole dancing. May songs and a crowing ceremony.
The Park, Hugh Street, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly. *2pm, free.*

WELLS MAY FAIR: Traditional funfair in the market place today and tomorrow.
Wells, Somerset, throughout the day and early evening.

BRITISH BEAUTIFUL HOMES AND GARDENS EXHIBITION: First day of this event with over one mile of exhibition stands, all under cover, in historic surroundings. Full refreshments.
Ripley Castle, Ripley, Near Harrogate, North Yorkshire, 10am-6pm, adult £2.50, child free.

VIKING SHIPS: Opening day of a major exhibition mounted by the York Archaeological Trust. Centrepiece is a Norwegian *faering* — a vessel built in 1910 using 1,000-year-old Viking techniques. Other exhibitions and information tell the story of Viking sailors, boat builders, traders and explorers and their descendants.
St Saviour's Archaeological Resource Centre, York (0904 643211). Today-Sept 30, daily 9am-7pm, adult £1, child 50p.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FURNITURE SHOW: Over 600 manufacturers from 26 different countries showing all types of furniture. Full refreshments.
Earl's Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5 (01-385 1234). Today-May 4, 10am-8pm. Admission before 5pm £3.50, after 5pm £2.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

ROYAL OPERA: Telephone and personal bookings opens today for June-July, with new production of *Manon*; plus *La Bohème*, *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*, *Fidelio* and *Die Frau ohne Schatten*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY FESTIVAL: General booking opens today for the 8th festival, with performances by Bulava Ukranian Cossack Dancers, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Theatre Co-Op, Northern Black Light Theatre, and Pasadena Roof Orchestra. Also Pam Ayres and Robert Ponsonby. May 22-June 1.
John Douglas Music, 9 Great King Street, Dumfries (Dumfries 56479).

SWALEDALE FESTIVAL: Personal booking opens today for festival of music and lectures with performances by Northern Sinfonia, Yorkshire Baroque Trio and Bach Choir, and Lindsay String Quartet. May 23-June 14.
The Pot Shop, Arkengarthdale Road, Reeth, North Yorkshire.

LAST CHANCE

SIMON BOCCANEGRA: Last performance this season of ENO production, with Jonathan Summers, Gwynne Howell and Janice Cairns, produced by David Alden, tonight, 7.30pm.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01 836 3161, cc 01-240 5258).

MARGARET ALSTON: Specialist in "Pate de Verre" technique, using crushed glass pastes reconstituted by heat to make vessels. Finishes today.
Craft Centre, Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square, Manchester (061 833 9833).

EAST CHRISTIAN ART: Greek and Russian icons and sundry items of East European decorative art, from 12th-17th century. Items for sale. Ends today.
Bernheimer Fine Arts, 32 St George Street, London W1 (01-499 0293).

TOMORROW . . . AND ALL OUR YESTERDAYS: Marking RSC new season at the Barbican, with a display looking back over previous successes. Ends today, free.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1 (-) Platoon
2 (1) Star Trek IV
3 (2) Blue Velvet
4 (3) Personal Services
5 (-) Tough Guys
6 (5) Children of Lesser God
7 (8) Little Shop of Horrors
8 (7) Crocodile Dundee
9(10) Crimes of the Heart
10 (-) Stand by Me (re-entry)
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OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 Star Trek IV
2 Flight of the Navigator
3 Crocodile Dundee
4 The Fourth Protocol
5 Over the Top
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UNITED STATES:
1 (1) Secret of my Success
2 (-) Extreme Prejudice
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THE ARTS

A bit less sympathy required

Film of the Aberfan disaster opened Thames TV's new six-part series *Brief Lives*. Tackling one of the most awkward of all subjects, the death of children, it opted for a restrained, unsensational look at the problem from a group of parents who were able to survey the catastrophe of accidental death over the perspective of years. There was no dwelling on grief here, but an exploration of anger, fear, and the outbursts which such loss creates.

All the children whose parents were interviewed had died in some sort of road accident, and it was made exceptionally

TELEVISION

direct by being presented by a reporter, Julian Aston, who had himself lost a child in an accident. Yet that perhaps led everyone to be too mutually sympathetic about a problem which must tear people apart emotionally. The nearest we came to the believably irrational was one parent's admitting resentment and anger that other people's children were still alive. A less understanding approach might have revealed more.

40 Minutes (BBC 2) ended its current run with a typically whimsical, well-observed look at a weekend in the life of a great hotel: the Taj Mahal, Bombay. Here was the new India, where money has replaced caste as the divisive factor, where society hostesses gather and every lavish taste is catered for.

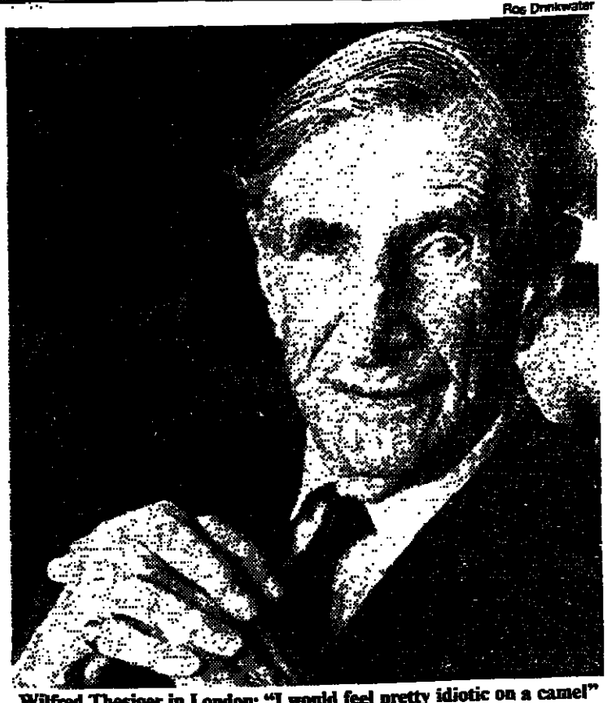
From an unpromising start to an interview with a director making a film outside the hotel, we eventually got his opinion that "it's a miracle people in the street don't blow this whole thing up". As so often with *40 Minutes*, a vague aura of patronizing condescension overlay the whole skilfully constructed exercise.

William Holmes

Caroline Moorehead meets Wilfred Thesiger, legendary traveller of the world's wilderness

When the going was good

Ros Drinkwater



Wilfred Thesiger in London: "I would feel pretty idiotic on a camel"

Everything you hear about Wilfred Thesiger, legendary traveller through some of the most inaccessible of the world's wildernesses, author of *Arabian Sands* and *The Marsh Arabs*, leads you to expect austerity, aloofness, even a certain chilliness. It is an impression readily confirmed by occasional passages in his autobiography, *The Life of my Choice*, which has just been published. "Looking back on the commonly accepted pleasures of life," he writes sternly on page 295, "I can say that I have never set much store by them."

The surprise then, when you ring the bell in a sedate block of flats overlooking the Thames and the Chelsea Physic Garden, is to find a tall, very affable figure, in a three-piece dark suit, who leads you down the hall with a strange flapping gait like some great wading bird. Thesiger laughed at the suggestion of solitariness. "On the contrary, I hate being on my own. To be with people: that's what matters to me, whether in the Sudan, Arabia or the marshes."

Wilfred Thesiger is 77. He spends nine months each year in northern Kenya, where he shares a house with Lawi, a young Samburu he thinks of as his son, and three months in his flat in London. The days of exploring are over, he says, not least because he likes to travel on foot or by camel and "I would feel pretty idiotic on a camel with Land-Rovers and buses driving past me". In any case, the kind of travelling he did, the "lure of the unknown . . . the constant test of resolution and endurance" is gone.

"I'm fortunate to have got to the places I went to just in time. Look at the Tibesti. When I went there, no car had ever been there. Two years later, there was the army, pattering about all over the place in their bloody cars."

Son of the British minister in charge of the legation in Addis Ababa, the first European baby born in Abyssinia, Thesiger carried a love of the country of his early childhood through years of British education and returned there, via the Sudan political service, as soon as he could.

In these early years he dreamt not of exploring, but of hunting "big game, in remote and unknown areas". Out of travelling to hunt came a realization that he wanted more and his first journey, at the age of 23, following the Awash river through hostile Danakil country, was made "because I saw the river flowing to the unknown and thought: 'My God, I must go back and follow it'." Later came the Iraqi marshes by canoe, two crossing of Saudi Arabia's waterless Empty Quarter, the Tibesti, Nuristan and the Karakoram on foot.

When he did first think of writing? "I never intended to write at all. I have never done a journey with a view to writing about it. I brought some photographs back from the Empty Quarter and Graham Watson at Curtis Brown said: 'You must write something to go with them'. I said I couldn't. Next day he came back. The result was I went to a bedsitter in Denmark and worked 16 hours a day."

Has he found the transition from months of remote existence to city life hard? "No. I've got the ability to switch."

Leading the way back down the hall, pointing out the gold box given to him by Haile Selassie, the dagger he wore in the desert and the faded leather bag in which he protected his camera from the sand, Thesiger laughed again at the picture of him as a misanthropic recluse. "You won't also make me out as having my breakfast on the linoleum, will you?"

The Life of My Choice by Wilfred Thesiger, published by Collins, £15

Donald Cooper



Eager for his pound of flesh: Antony Sher as Shylock

The Jew's revenge

THEATRE

The Merchant of Venice
Stratford

I doubt whether any production of this play could satisfy the post-Holocaust public, but Bill Alexander and Antony Sher (renewing the spectacular partnership of *Tartuffe* and *Richard III*) go further in that direction than any other director or leading actor I have seen.

Shakespeare makes much reference to Venetian Jew-baiting, but it is customary in performance to leave this as a war of words. Not so on Mr Alexander's stage, where the Christians would have won the beery applause of Julius Streicher.

To begin with, it seems that the show is handing over the dirty work to Salerio and Solanio. But, with the trial scene, all the Christians are drawn into the ugly game: hissing choruses of "Jew, Jew" as Bassanio and Gratiano force the victim to his knees and make him cross himself.

Shylock's unmistakable key line is: "The villainies you teach me I will execute." His actions arise from a history of ill-usage; and in one memorable image, he seizes a negro slave to prove his point by reference to a separate racial parallel.

Also, the viciousness of the trial spectators makes it impossible for him to back down. This scene grows to a gigantic collision as he breaks into the Christian devotions with a Hebrew prayer that reaches an ecstatic climax as he raises the knife. The message is implicit in the action: hate begets hate, and the Christians had it coming to them.

The penalty is that the romance perishes altogether. If there is an interesting love relationship, it is between Nicholas Farrell's glibly wheedling Bassanio and John Carlisle's immovably melancholy Antonio, who is totally besotted with the younger man while also seeing through him.

Nothing in Belmont remotely approaches this emotional level; and not since Joan Plowright's governessy chatelaine have I seen so unappealing a Portia as Deborah Findlay, a stately heiress in ringlets and copious silks, discussing her queues of suitors with bored distaste which she does little to conceal when they arrive to inspect the caskets on a down stage see-saw.

Looked at from another angle, the performance does have its points, as a study of a woman who has suffered for years from terrible men (including her father) and now sees a chance to get her own back. Hence the ring episode: and a sub-plot complementing racial reprisal with feminist revenge.

Sher's performance remains the overwhelming reason for seeing this production. It starts at the utmost remove from violence – as an amiable Levantine, full of flirtatious smiles, and moves by implacably articulated stages towards wrath and destruction.

Its turning point is the elopement of Jessica: at which point, for the first time, Sher does not know what to do with his hands until he starts beating himself in place of the enemy who has escaped. Even here, when he gets to "Hath not a Jew eyes?", he is still pleading with his tormentors and asking real questions. For a performance on this scale, the romance is well lost.

Irving Wardle

Bouncing the Barretts

Robert and Elizabeth
Chichester

This musicalized tale of the young lovers of Wimpole Street ran for a mighty 900 performances in the mid-Sixties and I dare say tickets have been selling briskly enough for this revival opening the 1987 Chichester Festival.

The story has a sensitive young Victorian heroine, seemingly a poetess, who was once as happy as you or I but has lost the use of her unmentionables through guilt over a brother's death. Nor is she helped by being the object of her monstrous father's incestuous passion.

The show also gives us dashing young Robert Browning, writing dreadful plays but famous poems, who brings love and assurance into her life. As though about to recommend the virtues of Horlicks he says: "Elizabeth, there's nothing physically wrong", and sure enough she ventures on the first tentative steps to Florence, fame and a musical by Ronald Millar and Ron Grainer.

And much against expectation I enjoyed a great part of it – which was certainly not the case on its first showing in the Sixties. To emerge from a musical humming its songs is at least evidence that the orchestra is not being paid in vain.

My memories of the first production are unclear, save for the captivating number sung in the second half by the supposedly crushed younger brothers and sisters of Miss Elizabeth.

One of the several inconsistencies of the book is that the Barrett offspring complain that Papa (snarling John Savident) never allows them any fun, yet they go through the evening with perky faces and perky songs like "Pass the Eau de Cologne".

But in their closing number they do remain absolutely motionless, seated on their going-away trunks, and stare out at the audience recalling, in slow waltz time, that "The Girls that Boys Dream About Dream About Boys". It brushes the heartstrings.

This scene has been opened out by the director, Stewart Trotter, who also brings on 20 children to swell a chorus-line or two, and frames the story in fairly token suggestions that it is being presented by a Victorian theatre company.

Nonsensical though it is to see such bouncing Barrett boys, Trotter bounces them with a nice eye for changing patterns. Mark Wynter's Browning is likeable, honest, firm, kneels adroitly, sings in good voice but, apart from being given a fancy rhyme for "Croesus", hardly suggest the poet.

And nor does Gaynor Miles as Elizabeth. What, by the way, is a Victorian Miss doing singing on a "neighbourhood store"? But in this particular number the dull tune suddenly vanishes before the show's other hummable song, and as she soars up the scale to the top notes of "I Know Now", story and music and performance for a few moments come powerfully together.

Jeremy Kingston

● Stephen Frears's film, *Prick Up Your Ears*, warmly reviewed yesterday by David Robinson, is showing not at the Curzon, Mayfair as stated but at the Curzon, West End.

CONCERTS

Barry Douglas
Barbican

Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* has become something of an *idée fixe* in the career of Barry Douglas. It wowed the Russians when he carried away the Tchaikovsky Gold Medal last summer, and it's the work with which he makes his solo recital recording debut this month.

The trouble is that the *idée* is threatening to become just a little too *fixe*. I've watched the work grow under his fingers during the last 10 years: a performance he gave three years ago in Hungary was outstanding in its breadth, controlled resonance and imaginative momentum. Douglas treats the piece very much as a psychological journey, concentrating on the mood of the Promenades to gauge the viewer's shifting responses to the Pictures.

This time, there was something curiously static about it all: an over-aggressive, percussive setting-out and a consistent emphasis in the tread which reduced the sense of arrival which his massive, fearless octaves are able to create so well in the finale.

But the individual canvasses glowed with reassuring richness: a Dufy-like activity of light and movement in "Tuileries", a hugely weighted ox-cart, and a "Catacombae" in which Douglas's fondness for illuminating the inner marrow of a chord sequence came into its own.

This love of listening and of meditative deliberation did a lot, too, for Shostakovich's Prelude and Fugue in E minor. Phrase dissolved into phrase in the Prelude, and Douglas enjoyed the gradual, almost imperceptible, tightening of the thread in the Fugue. The least said, for the time being, about Douglas's Beethoven, the better. The "Waldstein" Sonata showed that the ingredients have to be left to mature for quite a bit longer yet.

Hilary Finch

Capricorn
St John's

This was the third concert in Capricorn's series devoted to Nordic music, and it presented an array of new works in each of which the composer seemed eager to explore. One would hardly have expected everything to succeed unequivocally, and Erik Højsgaard's *Fantasy Piece* for clarinet trio did not.

Its very instrumentation suggested that Brahms was very much in the composer's mind when he wrote it. And there he is, in the impassioned, headstrong intensity of the first movement, the darkness of the Scherzo, the thorough-going final variations all, however, handled a little heavily.

The Prelude of Per Nørgård's *Prelude and Fugue* expanded upon the one in C major which begins Book One of Bach's *Forty-eight*, while the Fugue was based on an etching by M C Escher of ants. Purely as an experience of sound, however, the work was over-busy.

Another Danish composer, Karl Aage Rasmussen, had shown himself equally keen to go to earlier sources in his *Italian Concerto* (1981), for mixed sextet; no, it was not Bach this time, but instead Castiglioni, Pasquini, and Berio, with Stravinsky included for good measure.

This was no mere pastiche, but a skilled and sensitive evocation of the Italian spirit. And there was the Finnish composer Magnus Lindberg's *. . .de Tartuffe, je crois* (1981), a dramatic essay, full of vivid and violent contrasts, based on Bulkarov's play *Molière*.

None of those pieces, however, approached the sheer excitement of Arne Nordheim's *Tractatus*, a lively, virtuosic and obsessive work for solo flute (the excellent Margaret Campbell) and 12 instruments, based on nothing in particular. Capricorn's performances, under Lionel Friend's direction, were both fervent and accurate.

Stephen Pettitt

DANCE

Rosemary Butcher
Whitechapel Gallery

Rosemary Butcher's new dance collaboration, *Touch the Earth*, is being given this week at the Whitechapel Art Gallery. Spectators sit at one end of the upper gallery, the dancers using the rest of the space, so you watch them down its length, and the eye at times has the interesting task of taking in near and distant movement simultaneously.

Butcher herself starts the action in silence, staking out the land, establishing some of the movement motifs, including the action of touching the ground, with hands or the whole reclining body, which gives the work its title.

Their movements, both in taking up postures and in covering the area, are mainly slow, although occasionally they get from one point to another very quickly without seeming to hurry. Sue MacLennan, Jonathan Burrows and Dennis Greenwood are the most compelling performers among a dedicated cast.

Dieter Pietsch's visual setting for the action includes two screens in the distance and many thin metal poles ranged along the walls. Those might be spears or farm implements and the dancers use them ambiguously.

Michael Nyman's music begins only after the dance has started, with voices and stringed instruments calling to each other in plaintive notes from loudspeakers on either side. From quiet beginnings it swells gradually, like a tide coming in.

Statements by the creators mention Venetian shipping channels, the decline of American Indians and Chernobyl amongst their inspirations. None of this is visible in the result, except for a sense of primitive people marking out their soil. But the meticulous detail builds a definite and compelling atmosphere, a feeling of patience in the face of inevitability.

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Waite at centre of rumours on swap

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

The Beirut magazine which broke the story of the American arms shipments to Iran claims in its latest issue that militiamen in west Beirut have kidnapped an Iranian Embassy employee to exchange for Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy who disappeared here on January 20 while seeking the release of two US hostages.

It was the first report — or even rumour — about any of the 24 missing foreigners in Lebanon for the past three weeks, although its veracity was thrown into doubt when the Iranian Embassy in Beirut said yesterday that the Iranian named in *Ash Shiraa* — who was identified as "Mohamed Khatami" — was unknown to them. Last week's edition of the same magazine said that an Iranian in charge of catering at the Embassy had disappeared but at that time it made no connection between the man and Mr Waite.

Ash Shiraa, which President Reagan described as "that rag in Beirut" when it disclosed his arms-for-hostages' deal with Iran, has built its credibility on its world scoop, although its news item on Mr Waite was only three paragraphs in length and appeared at the foot of its seventh page.

It said that "Khatami" was now being held "at an apartment run by a political party outside Beirut", a clear reference to the Druze militia which is based in the Chouf Mountains, south-east of the Lebanese capital.

It was the Druze leader, Mr Walid Jumblatt, who originally offered protection to Mr Waite, and in the first days of his visit to Beirut in January the church envoy was invariably accompanied by gunmen from Mr Jumblatt's "Progressive Socialist Party". It was when he set off alone for a meeting with the kidnappers of the two Americans that he disappeared, much to the subsequent embarrassment of Mr Jumblatt.

The magazine's assertion that an Iranian had been kidnapped was challenged by a spokesman at the Iranian Embassy. "I know of no Mohamed Khatami working at the Embassy," he said. "I also know of no Iranian national by the name of Mohamed Khatami living in Lebanon."

Hitherto, Mr Jumblatt has implied that the "Hezbollah" (Party of God) movement in west Beirut, which is allied to Iran, had kidnapped Mr Waite but reports that the Archbishop's envoy was being held in the basement of the Iranian Embassy here have not been taken seriously.

● **Kidnap uncoufirmed:** The Foreign Office and Lambeth Palace said that they were not able to substantiate the report from Beirut about the kidnapping of the Iranian embassy employee, but added that their contacts in Lebanon were trying to verify it (Nicholas Beeston writes).

Split on conference, page 10

Avalanche hero Auric is the top dog for action



PC Romas Gudelis with police dog Auric, winner of the 1986 Police Dog Action of the Year Award, at Hendon Police College in north London. Gudelis and Auric won the award attempting to save a climber lost in an avalanche on Sron-na-Creise in the western Highlands last New Year's Eve. The pair braved perilous conditions, crossed a river in full spate and located the body of the lost climber buried in eight feet of snow. (Photograph: John Rogers)

Butlin's chalet is listed for posterity

By Robin Young

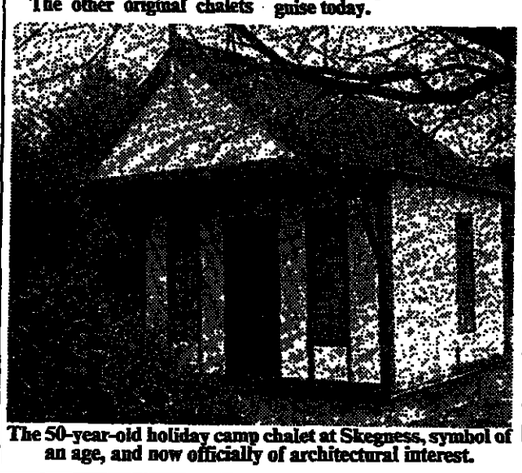
The last surviving chalet of Billy Butlin's original holiday camp at Skegness in Lincolnshire has become a listed building. The Department of the Environment announced yesterday that the flimsy mock-Tudor structure, now serving as a gardeners' shed, has been given a Grade II listing, which means it is of such architectural interest that every effort must be made to preserve it.

Butlin's Skegness camp opened in 1936 and the surviving chalet was one of 250 for which holidaymakers paid £2.10s per person a week. Timber-framed, with asbestos panels, a slate roof and overhanging eaves, they were the precursors of thousands which Butlin and his imitators put up at sites around the coast.

The other original chalets have all been demolished during the past ten years, and the survival of a single specimen is, Butlin's insist, entirely fortuitous. "It was kept because it was handy, not with any idea that it might become a national monument", a spokesman said.

"It is not regarded as good architecture, but rather as an interesting historic relic," the Department of the Environment said yesterday. "It represents an era in social history".

Butlin's have been investing heavily at their holiday centres in recent months. As part of a £100 million refurbishment programme, Butlin's Skegness has now become Funcoast World, with suites and flats in place of chalets. The site, equipped with the largest indoor water leisure centre in Europe, reopens in its new guise today.



The 50-year-old holiday camp chalet at Skegness, symbol of an age, and now officially of architectural interest.

Surgeons separate twin boys

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Surgeons successfully separated infant Siamese twins in a London hospital yesterday, using new techniques during a 12-hour operation.

The baby boys, aged eight months, were joined from the middle of the breast bone to the pelvis, and shared a common sac around their hearts, which had to be divided.

A medical team of 25, including eight surgeons, performed the operation at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street.

Last night the infants were said to be "doing quite nicely" in the intensive care unit.

The twins, called Hussan and Hussein, also shared the lower small bowel and large intestine, which had to be divided.

The children were flown to Britain last November. Their parents, Sudanese schoolteachers, had relatives working in Saudi Arabia who sought sponsorship from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia who is paying their costs.

"Over the past two months it has been possible to extend the skin area to permit full closure of the children's abdomens after separation", a hospital spokeswoman said.

"This has been achieved by the use of tissue expanders, a new technique used in plastic surgery to achieve a greater area of skin."

The separation was performed by Professor Lewis Spitz and Mr Edward Keily.

Lords approve of operation for girl

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Because of her emotional state and her high pain threshold she would be likely to "pick at the operation would and tear it open."

Lord Hailsham added that although unable to give informed consent to any act of sexual intercourse, she had "all the physical drive and inclinations of a physically mature young woman of 17, which is what in fact she is."

She had already shown herself vulnerable to sexual approaches and already once been found "in a compromising situation in a bathroom."

Oral contraception only had a 40 per cent chance of establishing "an acceptable regime" and had serious potential side-effects; and incarceration or reducing such liberty as she could enjoy would be "gravely detrimental to the amenity and quality of her life."

Lord Oliver of Aylmerton said sterilization had emotive overtones in this century. But the appeal had "nothing whatsoever" to do with eugenics, the production of genetically desirable people: its prime consideration was the "welfare and best interest of this young woman."

Last night,mental health groups called on the Goverment to produce statutory guidelines on any cases of sterilization where people are unable to give their own consent, even if they are over 18.

Sir Brian Rix, Mencap secretary general, and Mr Christopher Heginbotham, Mind director, emphasized that the judgement should not be treated as a precedent, and called for guidelines to be drawn up for future cases..

Both associations are calling on Lord Hailsham and Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary to State for Social Services, to set up an expert committee.

Sterilization should only be undertaken when there were overwhelming medical reasons, when pregnancy would be dangerous to the woman's health and when pregnancy is likely to occur, for example because contraception is not possible, it said.

Doctors who perform sterilization operations, even with parents' consent, might be liable in criminal, civil or professional proceedings, Lord Templeman said.

He set out guidelines for the "rare" future applications for girls under 18 to be sterilized:
● Sterilizations must be with the leave of a judge;
● The girl will be represented by the Official Solicitor or other appropriate guardian; parents and the local authority where appropriate, will be made parties;
● Expert evidence will be adduced giving reasons for the application, history and foreseeable future of the girl; the risks and consequences of pregnancy and of sterilization and practicability of alternative precautions.

The judge may also call for additional evidence before deciding if there was a "sufficiently overwhelming case" to sanction sterilization.

Commons sketch

MPs angling to catch the big fish

I sit by day in the Gallery staring down at them as they swim in and out, observing closely their bizarre habits, their attempts at communication.

Microphones dangle from the end of long cables stretching down from the roof. They appear as fishing lines trailing into a large pond of inedible creatures.

Often the creatures bob up and down as if preparing to bite. One of them will be allowed to remain up for long enough to talk of yet more ups and downs: employment, tax, growth rates, pay.

"Surely, surely, surely," their questions begin, closing with either "hope for the future" or "a very different story".

Their vocabulary is limited but bolstered with energetic delivery. Clichés form stepping stones over waves of uncertainty. Successes are notable, sabres all rattled, measures all strong.

Words like "facilitate", "envisage" and "participation" indicate that a speech is pre-written. Pre-written speeches attempt to wriggle out of cliché but the attempt is usually hopeless. "Small isn't just beautiful," said Mr David Alton. "It's often better."

Mr Alton was persuading the 17 or so members who had not bothered to leave to support a motion calling for everyone to be much nicer to everyone else (The Directly Elected Neighbourhood Councils Bill).

Though a disproportionate number of members from both sides of the House bear a strong resemblance to Mr Norman Fowler, it is possible to tell young from old, left from right, senior from junior without turning them upside down.

Colouring gives the first clue. Those to the right favour dark suits supplemented with a triangle of handkerchief popping from the top pocket. Those to the left — particularly the snappers — prefer weird, clashing combinations.

Young members on the right can be identified by a tendency to congratulate their seniors at regular intervals, the ritual commencing with the swift buttoning and unbuttoning of their jackets.

Senior members on the right indicate their superiority by lying supine. When compelled to stand, they congratulate themselves vociferously, toying with gold pens, indicating the conclusion of their speech with the words "On line for recovery".

Members on the left, senior and junior, demonstrate no sign of any awareness of the coming oblivion predicted for them by observers.

Instead, they chortle and burble merrily, signalling the termination of their thoughts with the high-pitched use of the phrase, "And they know it!".

What do they debate? Chiefly whether or not they can debate what they wish to. Topics from the outside world zip to and fro at a remarkable rate.

A member from the left starts his speech with a reference to Dr Waldheim and ends it with a plea for more hospitals in Leicestershire.

Many members surprise the novice observer by their presence: the surmise of death years ago is in this way overturned. Others prove their vitality by shouting their speeches. The two parties can be differentiated less by class, weight or colouring than by their inability to share jokes.

What is the difference between an *important* and a minor issue? A minor issue can be readily spotted by its proposer's retort to scoffs that "This is a very serious issue".

As I write, I recall all sorts of very serious issues: assassination attempts on members, new by-passes, cats let out of bags and so on.

There was only one very serious issue on which the House was in complete accord. When the Prime Minister announced that life expectancy in the country was continuing to rise, even the most radical of radicals could think of no possible reason to condemn the news.

It took a member on the right to blur the rejoicing by asking the Prime Minister whether the House had not now reached the end of its natural life.

Baffled in my observations while the creatures continue to bob, I recall yesterday's phrase from Mr Alton.

"There is no meaningful understanding of its meaning," he said of something or other. It is a phrase that rings with peculiar clarity.

Craig Brown

Ferry's chief officer blamed for open door

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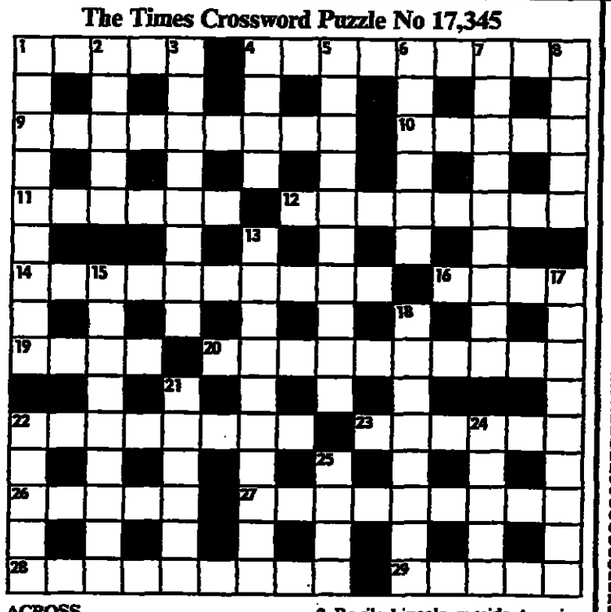
have waited until the process had been completed.

The inquiry heard further evidence that last October Captain Tony de Sainte Croix, master of the Pride of Free Enterprise, a sister ship, had had a request turned down that lights should be installed on the bridge to indicate whether the bow doors were closed.

Mr John Alcindor, deputy chief superintendent for Townsend Thoresen, had written that the project was unnecessary, and not the real answer to the problem.

Mr Edward Potterton, who sometimes acted as assistant bosun, and closed the bow doors, said there had been at least one occasion when the outer doors would not close properly. When that happened he had informed the bridge, and an engineer had attended to the problem.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,345



ACROSS
1 Wraps almost conceal David's work (5).
4 Keeping watch on anybody around the cargo space (9).
9 American sailor's dance (4,5).
10 Try to set a test (5)
11 The river to run unfathomably (6).
12 Back in days of yore, missiles put each side of target (8).
14 Meat pie can get cooked free (10).
16 What beaters do about game (4).
19 Moon, its first quarter poetically exposed to view (4).
20 Unaware of any girl not having been made up (10).
22 Daily one's mother exhibits a divine quality (8).
23 Gently rub one in eight (6).
26 National flower first adopted by Hungary (5).
27 Being dismissive about cleaning method (9).
28 V.I.P. returns rock to Wensleydale, perhaps (3,6).
29 Check road with lights on both sides of it (5).

DOWN
1 The result of 24 trimmed sheets of paper (4-5).
2 Revile Lincoln outside America (5).
3 Bill and I see conserve put up in pots (8).
4 Musicians forbidden to talk (4).
5 He and I in a position to show indecision (10).
6 All the characters in play capable of murder (6).
7 Batting, players dismissed for facing the wrong way (6,3).
8 Climbing, for instance, to see unusual birds (5).
13 Where to find a koala in difficulties? (2,1,3,4).
15 A very quiet part of London, but attractive (9).
17 Boxer starts off letting you win easily in bout (9).
18 With 10 flutes at their disposal (8).
21 Henry falls from top to bottom of bluff — how like Henry! (6).
22 Go up country, we hear (5).
24 Drug enshrined in the hearts of 19, 26 and 13 (5).
25 Jack, the foreign expert (4).

Concise crossword, page 12

Solution to Puzzle No 17,344



WEATHER

General situation: A cold front will bring rain followed by much colder showery weather in most areas. In the south east, it will be cloudy with rain later. In central and south western parts, there will be rain at first, clearing slowly from the north west. Western Scotland and the north west will have sunny intervals with heavy showers developing later. North east England and eastern Scotland will also have sunny periods with lighter showers later. In the north of Scotland, there will be prolonged showers later, with snow on high ground. Outlook for the weekend: Cold with sunshine and showers with snow on high ground. Frost at night.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	s 17	63	Majorca	s 22	72
Akrotiri	f 19	66	Malaga	c 19	66
Alex'dria	f 19	66	Malta	f 19	66
Algiers	c 19	66	Melb'rne	f 15	59
Amst'dam	c 19	66	Mexico C*	f 19	66
Athens	c 13	55	Miami*	s 30	86
Bahrain	s 32	90	Milan	s 20	68
Barbados*	s 31	88	Montreal*	c 7	45
Barcelna	s 18	64	Moscow	c 21	70
Belgrade	s 19	66	Munich	c 23	73
Berlin	s 24	75	Nairobi	c 25	77
Bermuda*	c 21	70	Naples	c 21	70
Biarritz	f 19	66	N York*	f 13	55
Borde'x	f 19	66	Nice	f 20	68
Brussels	f 16	61	Oslo	f 13	55
Budapst	s 21	70	Paris	c 15	59
B Aires*	s 24	75	Peking	c 25	77
Cairo	f 24	75	Perth	c 25	77
Cape Tn	s 21	70	Prague	s 21	70
C'blanca	f 21	70	Reykjvik	f 1	34
Chicago*	s 27	81	Rhodes	r 14	57
Ch'church	c 14	57	Rio de J	c 24	75
Cologne	f 23	73	Riyadh	s 41	106
C'pnhgn	s 15	59	Rome	s 18	64
Corfu	s 19	66	Salzburg	s 23	73
Dublin	c 15	59	S Frisco*	f 17	63
Dubrovnik	s 18	64	Santiago*	f 17	63
Faro	s 22	72	S Paulo*	c 21	70
Florence	c 21	70	Seoul	c 17	63
Frankfurt	f 23	73	Sing'por	f 28	82
Funchal	f 19	66	St'kholm	s 21	70
Geneva	s 21	70	Strasb'g	c 23	73
Gibraltar	c 19	66	Sydney	c 18	64
Helsinki	s 18	64	Tel aviv	s 21	70
Hong K	c 26	79	Tenerife	s 18	64
Innsbrck	f 22	72	Tokyo	s 23	73
Istanbul	r 9	48	Toronto*	c 17	63
Jo'burg*	s 22	72	Tunis	c 21	70
Karachi	s 31	88	Valencia	f 18	64
L Palmas	s 22	72	Vanc'ver*		
Le Touq't	c 14	57	Venice	s 20	68
Lisbon	s 20	68	Vienna	s 20	68
Locarno	c 18	64	Warsaw	s 22	72
L Angels*	c 17	63	Wash'ton*	s 21	70
Luxembg	f 19	66	Wel'ton	c 15	59
Madrid	s 21	70	Zurich	c 19	66

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	9.5	.02	21	70	sunny
Bridlington	10.9	-	21	70	sunny
Cromer	9.0	-	22	72	sunny
Lowestoft	10.1	-	21	70	sunny
Clacton	9.8	-	22	72	sunny
Southend	7.7	-	22	72	sunny
Margate	*	-	22	72	sunny
Folkestone	11.0	-	20	68	sunny
Hastings	8.5	-	20	68	sunny
Eastbourne	11.3	-	21	70	sunny
Brighton	5.5	-	22	72	bright
Worthing	8.5	.03	21	70	sunny
Littlehmptn	5.7	.19	21	70	thndr
Bognor R	8.7	.17	19	66	thndr
Southsea	6.8	.29	19	66	sunny
Sandown	7.3	.20	17	63	sunny
Shanklin	*	-	*	*	*
Bournemth	7.2	.21	17	63	sunny
Poole	6.3	.19	18	64	cloudy
Swanage	8.1	.18	18	61	sunny
Weymouth	6.9	.17	17	63	sunny
Exmouth	5.2	-	15	59	bright
Teignmouth	*	-	*	*	*
Torquay	5.8	.03	17	63	bright
Falmouth	*	-	*	*	*
Penzance	2.8	.31	15	59	thndr
Scilly Isles	1.3	.08	15	59	rain
Jersey	9.0	.39	22	72	thndr
Guernsey	9.4	.13	19	66	sunny
Newquay	6.2	.03	18	64	shower
Ilfracombe	*	-	19	66	sunny
Minehead	8.6	.02	20	68	sunny
B'pool Airpt	7.8	-	19	66	bright
Morecambe	6.8	-	17	63	sunny
Douglas	5.7	-	16	61	sunny
B'hsm Airpt	6.4	.18	21	70	thndr
Bristol (Cnt)	8.7	.08	21	70	sunny
Cardiff	6.9	-	15	59	bright
London	6.8	-	23	73	bright
Manchester	6.3	-	21	70	rain
N'ctl-a-Tyne	6.6	-	22	72	sunny
Nottingham	5.4	-	21	70	thndr
Anglesey	4.0	.01	20	68	shower
Cardiff (Cnt)	6.3	.01	19	66	bright
Colwyn Bay	6.1	.17	17	63	thndr
Tenby	4.6	-	16	61	bright
Aberdeen	6.3	-	20	68	bright
Edinburgh	8.0	-	22	72	sunny
Eskdalemuir	7.5	-	17	63	sunny
Glasgow	6.8	-	18	64	bright
Kinloss	5.2	-	15	59	fog
Lerwick	6.5	-	11	52	fog
Prestwick	8.0	-	20	68	sunny
Stornoway	8.9	-	18	61	sunny
Tiree	1.0	-	13	55	cloudy
Wick	8.8	-	14	57	sunny
Belfast	5.5	-	20	68	bright

These are Wednesday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.34	7.0	4.50	6.8
Aberdeen	3.57	3.9	4.14	3.8
Avonmouth	10.03	12.7	10.12	12.4
Belfast	1.39	3.2	2.03	3.1
Cardiff	9.48	11.7	9.57	11.5
Devonport	8.24	6.1	8.37	5.2
Dover	1.36	8.4	2.00	8.2
Falmouth	7.54	4.9	8.07	5.0
Glasgow	3.17	4.8	3.49	4.6
Harwich	2.26	3.8	2.44	3.7
Holyhead	12.49	5.2	1.10	5.1
Hull	9.02	6.9	9.23	6.8
Ilfracombe	8.44	8.5	8.55	8.4
Leith	5.18	5.1	5.38	5.1
Liverpool	1.42	8.9	2.03	8.7
Lowestoft			12.19	2.3
Margate	2.34	4.7	2.51	4.5
Milford Haven	8.58	6.5	9.11	6.5
Newquay	7.49	6.5	8.02	6.5
Oban	8.19	3.6	8.23	3.7
Penzance	7.25	5.2	7.38	5.3
Portland	9.37	1.8	9.38	1.9
Portsmouth	1.59	4.5	2.27	4.4
Shoreham	1.34	6.0	1.59	5.8
Southampton	1.21	4.3	1.43	4.2
Swansea	9.06	9.0	9.16	8.9
Tees	6.23	5.0	6.44	5.1
Wilton-on-Nze	2.21	4.1	2.40	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.48	2.34
Austria Sch	21.80	20.70
Belgium Fr	64.80	61.40
Canada $	2.305	2.195
Denmark Kr	11.54	11.04
Finland Mkk	7.67	7.17
France Fr	10.29	9.79
Germany Dm	3.10	2.94
Greece Dr	222	212
Hong Kong $	13.42	12.72
Ireland Pt	1.162	1.102
Italy Lira	2205	2055
Japan Yen	245	231
Netherlands Gld	3.49	3.31
Norway Kr	11.58	10.98
Portugal Esc	238	226
South Africa Rd	4.50	3.70
Spain Pta	214.50	204.50
Sweden Kr	10.83	10.28
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.41
USA $	1.735	1.655
Yugoslavia Dnr	1090	990

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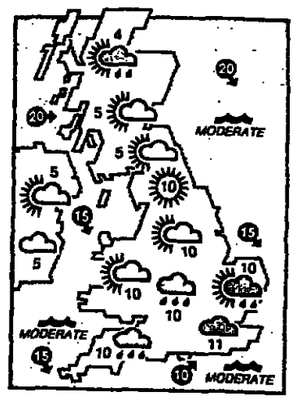
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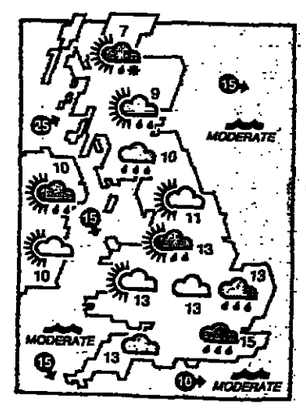
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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.53 pm to 5.02 am
Bristol 9.03 pm to 5.12 am
Edinburgh 9.21 pm to 4.58 am
Manchester 9.08 pm to 5.04 am
Penzance 9.10 pm to 5.28 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am,13C (55F) Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01 ins Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.9 hrs Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1014.3 millibars, steady, 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

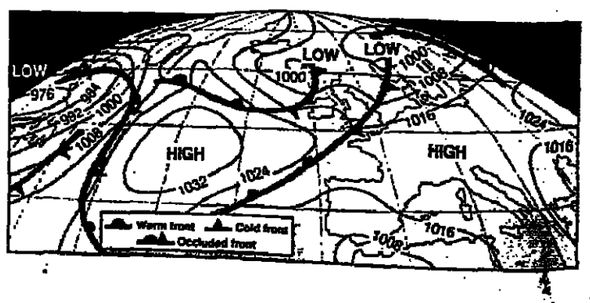
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Belfast	c 16	61	Guernsey	r 10	50
B'mgham	f 16	61	Inverness	c 15	59
Blackpool	c 13	55	Jersey	c 12	54
Bristol	c 13	55	London	c 15	59
Cardiff	d 15	59	M'nchster	c 16	61
Edinburgh	c 15	59	Newcastle	f 18	64
Glasgow	c 15	59	R'nldsway	fg 9	48

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am,12C (54F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.28in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.7hrs.

Sun rises: 5.34 am — Sun sets: 8.23 pm
Moon rises 6.45 am — Moon sets 12.56 am
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NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1612.0 (+3.5)

FT-SE 100
2050.5 (+11.9)

Bargains
39226 (38629)

USM (Datastream)
167.32 (+1.69)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6625 (+0.0055)

W German mark
2.9900 (+0.0157)

Trade-weighted
73.2 (+0.2)

SIB chief cautions on trading

Trading in leading international shares was disappearing without trace down a "black hole", Sir Kenneth Berrill, the Securities and Investments Board chairman, said yesterday.

It was more difficult to keep track of trading that was not conducted on an exchange. The SIB would police the trade reporting and record-keeping arrangements of firms under its jurisdiction. Deals done in Britain outside recognized exchanges would have to be reported to the SIB or its designated agent, he said.

TI Group sells

TI Group has completed the sale of TI Domestic Appliances, the holding company of Glowworm and Parkray, to Hepworth Ceramic Holdings for £63.5 million in cash.

Virgin profits

Virgin Group reported a 30 per cent rise in first-half profits to end-January on continuing businesses to £16.1 million. Turnover rose from £100.2 million to £140.5 million. An interim dividend of 0.85p was declared.

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Aberdeen falls

Aberdeen Construction reported pretax profits for the year to end-December down from £3.7 million to £3.3 million. Earnings per share fell from 28p to 16p. A final dividend of 6.4p was recommended.

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2288.35 (+34.09)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	22274.03 (+384.97)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2659.85 (+70.31)
Amsterdam: Gen	n/a
Sydney: AO	1749.6 (–6.8)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1785.2 (–7.5)
Brussels:	
General	4616.01 (+16.24)
Paris: CAC	453.6 (+0.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen	528.20 (+1.0)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	91.69 (–0.16)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
BP	936p (+11p)
Hawker Siddeley	530p (+13p)
Costain	512p (+11p)
British Aerospace	662p (+10p)
Smiths Industries	317p (+25p)
Vickers	485p (+13p)
Apricot Computers	102p (+10p)
Atlantic Computer	623p (+10p)
Southend Stadium	581p (+27p)
BAT Industries	503p (+11p)
Pentland	690p (+15p)
Wellcome	442p (+29p)
Thomson T-Line	651p (+41p)
Pearson Group	629p (+20p)
Standard Chart.	831p (+23p)
Union Discount	915p (+17p)
Kleinwort Benson	473p (+20p)
FALLS:	
Aberdeen Const.	248p (–22p)
United News	479p (–14p)
Davies & Newman	443p (–22p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9½%
3-month interbank 9⅝-9¼%
3-month eligible bills:9-8 15/16% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7¾%
Federal Funds 6⅜%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.60-5.59%*
30-year bonds 89-89 2/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6625	£: $1.6615*
£: DM2.9900	$: DM1.8015*
£: SwFr2.4539	$: SwFr1.4790*
£: FFr9.9409	$: FFr6.0150*
£: Yen233.58	$: Yen140.85*
£: Index:73.2	$: Index:100.5
ECU £0.697726	SDR £0.785281

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $454.50 pm-$453.25
close $452.50-453.00 (£272.25-272.75)
New York:
Comex $450.60-451.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (June) pm $18.00 bbl($17.95)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Nakasone surprises Reagan with immediate concession

US demands trade action

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President Ronald Reagan warned Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, yesterday that "tangible actions" should be taken by both nations to correct "an unsustainable trade balance" which was undermining their long friendship.

Mr Reagan delivered his remarks just hours before Mr Nakasone surprised US officials by announcing a cut in short-term interest rates to stimulate Japan's sluggish economy.

Mr Nakasone announced that he had ordered the Bank of Japan and the finance ministry to take immediate action to lower Japan's short-term interest rates. White House officials said they were "surprised" by the initiative, describing it as "significant" and a signal that the Prime Minister was prepared to offer concessions to diffuse trade tensions.

But even though Mr Reagan said he was "encouraged" by the new measures Mr Nakasone put on the table, White House officials cautioned that the outcome of the two-day visit would depend on verifiable "implementation."

"We have heard promises before," said an Administration official.

Both leaders stressed, however, the broader relationship between the two nations, which included strong security ties. Mr Nakasone emphasized this link, saying he hoped to strengthen "solidarity among Western nations" in response to Mr Reagan's arms control proposals.

"Today, Japan and the US, with two of the world's most powerful economies, share heavy global responsibilities. It is apparent that our continued prosperity has much to do with the prosperity of the rest of the world," Mr Reagan said.

Mr Nakasone arrived with a set of proposals designed to cool rising protectionist pressures in the US and boost his fading popularity at home. The Prime Minister is anxious to receive a firm commitment from Mr Reagan to lift 100 per cent tariff sanctions against $300 million (£187 million) in Japanese electronics goods imposed as a result of a dispute over trade in computer microchips. Officials said this could occur this month.

Mr Nakasone indicated earlier that he would offer a four-point programme designed to reduce Japan's huge surpluses and broaden its international leadership role. The only new element of the programme was a proposed $30 billion in new loans to Latin American debtor nations.

Mr Nakasone was urged to sweeten his offer by announcing a $1 billion government programme to purchase US goods. These would include three US supercomputers, five marine rescue planes

In response to Western pressure, he planned to offer tariff reduction and marketing-opening measures to stimulate Japanese purchases of Western goods.

These were expected to include a promise to reduce tariffs on American chocolates, broadened guidelines to increase US participation in the construction of a $7 billion airport near Osaka and commitments to lift some controls on participation in Japanese financial markets.

● West Germany and Italy could face mandatory trade sanctions from the US under the amendment to the trade bill successfully moved by Representative Richard Gephardt, a declared presidential candidate, in the House of Representatives this week.

According to Mr Gephardt's calculations, the two European economies are among seven countries which would meet the numerical tests of "excessive" trade surpluses requiring US sanctions under his amendment. Apart from Japan, the others are debt-ridden Brazil, Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea.

West Germany had a $15.8 billion surplus with the United States in 1986 with exports 2.5 times imports. Italy's bilateral surplus was only $6.5 billion but exports were 235 per cent of imports.

This would breach the 175 per cent ratio that would trigger sanctions if the country concerned was deemed to operate unfair trading practices

Tokyo 'to cut interest rates'

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, has ordered a reduction in his country's interest rates, a senior White House official said yesterday.

He is said to have revealed this in his discussions with President Reagan. Only last week, Mr Satoshi Sumita, the Governor of the Bank of Japan, said that there were no plans to cut the official discount rate of 2.5 per cent.

Earlier, Mr Paul Volcker, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, had said in Congressional testimony that a reduction in Japanese interest rates was needed to help stabilize the dollar.

Mr Volcker said that the dollar had "absolutely and fundamentally" fallen far enough and that the Federal Reserve had been cautious in providing reserves to the system because of the need for the dollar's stability and concern about an inflationary psychology in the markets.



US Congressman Richard Gephardt: trade amendment may hit West Germany and Italy

Britain wants better export deal

By Colin Narbrough

The Prime Minister and senior members of the Cabinet yesterday told Mr Hajime Tamura, the powerful minister for international trade and industry in Japan, that Britain wanted more action by Tokyo to redress the economic imbalance.

Mr Tamura, the MITI minister, who was in London on a one-day stopover, met Mrs Thatcher for 15 minutes at the Commons and had longer sessions with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

The Prime Minister, who earlier this year personally intervened on behalf of the Cable and Wireless bid for a big slice of Japan's telephone market, made clear she welcomed the limited progress Tokyo had made on opening up its market and reducing its trade surplus.

But she underlined that more progress was needed, stressing the need for greater access for British firms to the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Without a favourable response, Britain would retaliate, disrupting relations in the financial sector.

Fresh hopes of fall in rates

By Our Economics Correspondent

Optimism about a further cut in base rates increased in the money markets as the pound rose yesterday, with some dealers predicting a reduction to 9 per cent next week.

A cut in Britain's base rates to 9 per cent would push them to their lowest levelsince the middle of 1984, and just above their lowest since Mrs Thatcher took office in 1979.

The pound's resilience to Tuesday's cut in base rates has encouraged the view that further reductions will be needed to prevent it from rising too far.

In the House of Commons yesterday, the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said that it was in the interest of British industry that the pound should remain about the present levels.

Yesterday, the sterling index rose from 73 to 73.2 as the pound headed towards the key DM3 level against the West German mark. The pound rose by 1½ pfennigs to DM2.9876. Analysts believe if the pound rises above DM3 it could be difficult for the British authorities to prevent a further strong advance for sterling.

Against the dollar, the pound rose by 55 points to $1.6625. The dollar was generally firmer as talks between President Reagan and Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, began.

The three-month interbank rate fell to 9⅜-9¼ per cent, down by 3/16 per cent on the previous close. The level is now only slightly above that required to trigger a cut in base rates to 9 per cent.

Some dealers believe that a reduction could come in time for the May 7 local elections, although the Bank of England is likely to seek a delay.

The Halifax Building Society suggested earlier this week that a further half-point reduction in base rate would lead to consideration of a second mortgage rate cut.

Extel prepares to fight £250m United bid

By Cliff Feltham

A fierce takeover battle erupted yesterday when Extel, the news and information group, dismissed a £250 million takeover bid from United Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily Express* and *Sunday Express* and a string of provincial newspapers.

Mr Alan Brooker, the Extel chairman who has been under siege for more than a year, said: "The bid makes no sense either on grounds of logic or price. We intend to fight it all the way. There is clear evidence the City is opposed to contested bids and yet they have made no effort to even consider a friendly approach towards us."

United Newspapers, headed by Lord Stevens, was in a powerful position to launch its attack, armed with the backing of a 26 per cent stake sold by publisher Mr Robert Maxwell to Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank.

But judging from City reaction, United may well have to raise its offer to achieve success. United is offering 103 of its own shares for every 100 Extel, valuing Extel at 493p — still 18p short of the market price.

There is a cash alternative of 481p — the same price Samuel Montagu paid to acquire the shareholding in Extel. United Newspapers was unable to buy the stake on its own account because it would have needed shareholder approval. The merchant bank will hand it over once the necessary approval has been obtained.

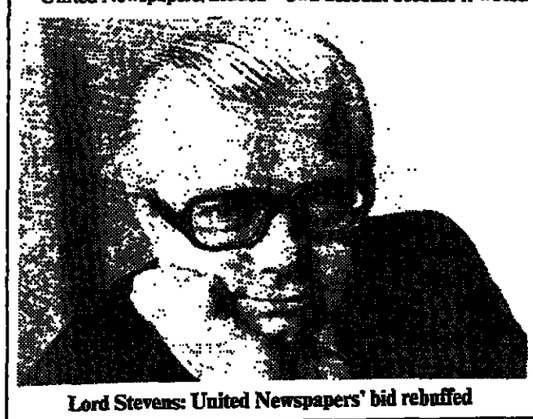
Market sources pointed to United's strong position. Another 8 per cent stake in Extel is held by MIM, the investment management group also chaired by Lord Stevens.

The battle presents an intriguing spectacle in that both Extel and United Newspapers were locked in conflict four years ago for control of the magazine publisher Benn Brothers, which Extel ultimately won.

Benn — which publishes 27 titles including *Timber Trades Journal* and *Printing World* — would fit snugly into the United Newspapers empire, according to analysts, although it was being suggested last night that Lord Stevens could sell off other parts of the group, including the printers, Burrups, and possibly the sports service.

One possible snag facing United Newspers could be Extel's independent financial news information service. It appeared yesterday that the Office of Fair Trading would take a close look at the implications of a newspaper publisher owning a news agency.

Last year Extel made pretax profits of £14.7 million



Lord Stevens: United Newspapers' bid rebuffed

Oodles in £1.5m restaurant takeover

By Joe Joseph

Oodles, the London restaurant group which is best known for serving up earthy English stews and healthy wedges of brown bread, is capping its recent renaissance into a chain catering for a more lotus-eating clientele by buying Bentley's Oyster Bar & Restaurant, off Piccadilly, in the West End of London.

Bentley's is the prize possession of Dolamore, which also owns Macarthurs, a five-strong licensed chain of hamburger restaurants in south-west London.

Oodles, which runs 10 restaurants in central London, most of which are decked out as brasseries, is paying a little more than £1.5 million pounds for all of Dolamore. The terms are one ordinary Oodles share for 3.125 Dolamore shares and Oodles says that it expects to receive prior acceptances representing more than 50 per cent of Dolamore's issued capital.

Oodles, the shares of which are traded on a matched-bargain basis under the Stock Exchange's Rule 535 (2), has already been expanding

In February, it bought Dingwalls Entertainments, the company which owns the Dingwalls live music centre in Camden Lock, north London.

Consumer spending steady

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Consumer spending in Britain has been flat since the middle of last year, according to figures published yesterday.

The data, coming after the March retail sales figures, which produced the first quarterly decline in high street spending for three years, point to a change in the balance of growth in the economy.

The value of consumer spending in the first quarter was £40.3 billion, in 1980 prices, unchanged on both the third and fourth quarters of last year. However, spending was still 3.3 per cent up on the £39 billion of the first quarter of last year.

In the first quarter, cold weather produced higher spending on energy, although Whitehall officials said this effect was relatively small.

Car sales were extremely buoyant during the first three months of the year, although it is not yet possible to determine what proportion was to private buyers

Some spending may have been siphoned off into the housing market, with house prices rising strongly.

The slowdown in consumer spending helps to explain the unexpectedly strong recovery in Britain's overseas trade performance this year, with a current account surplus so far recorded against widespread expectations of a deficit for the year, including the Treasury's official prediction of a £2.5 billion deficit.

The trade figures for March, delayed by industrial action, are due to be published today.

Continued weakness for retail sales could hit government revenues. One feature of the boom in tax revenues in the 1986-87 financial year was the strength of VAT receipts.

Company plays down Retrovir side-effects

Wellcome hope for Aids drug

By Carol Ferguson

Wellcome, the British drugs company whose name is becoming synonymous with Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), pleased the market with its interim results yesterday.

However, the occasion was yet another opportunity to speculate on the subject of Aids, even although sales of Retrovir, Wellcome's anti-Aids drug, did not begin until this month and will make no contribution to this year's profits.

Nevertheless, the company took the opportunity to clear up some misunderstandings about the drug, especially in connection with the severity of side-effects and future supplies.

While not denying that the side-effects of Retrovir are severe, Dr Howard Schaeffer, vice-president of Burroughs Wellcome in the United States, said that reports had exaggerated their severity, to the extent of saying that more than 50 per cent of patients needed regular multiple blood transfusions.

He said that the results of the US placebo-controlled clinical study showed that 31 per cent of patients in the Retrovir-treated group received blood transfusions for the treatment of anaemia compared with 11 per cent of those who received a placebo. Of these only a proportion received more than one transfusion.

"Nevertheless, for those patients who are able to take Retrovir only with repeated transfusions, this course is preferable to the alternative of no treatment and a fatal outcome," he said.

He also dispelled the myth that Retrovir is made solely from herring sperm. He said that thymidine, the key intermediate used in making Retrovir, is synthesized chemically.

He confirmed that Retrovir is now licensed in 12 countries for the treatment of serious clinical manifestations of HIV infection for patients with Aids or Aids-related complex. Further clinical trials include the investigation of combinations of Retrovir and other drugs.

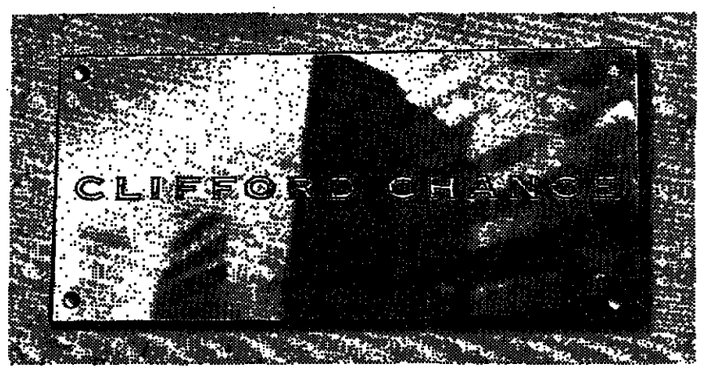
Pretax profits for the six months to February 1987 rose 26 per cent to £81.2 million on turnover up 12 per cent to £557 million.

Nearly half of the rise in turnover was due to increasing sales of Zovirax, used in the treatment of genital herpes. Margins from this drug are good, and group margins rose from 13 per cent to 15 per cent.

Sales of Zovirax were up £25 million to £71 million and the future potential of this drug are good. The company expects further penetration of the Japanese market when registration of the cream and tablet form of the drug is obtained in that country.

The company said that Zovirax was also proving effective in the treatment of shingles, a viral infection afflicting the elderly. It was launched as a treatment for shingles in the UK last month, opening up a market which is potentially bigger than the original genital herpes market.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Candover plans more links with Europe

Candover Investments, Britain's leading management buyout specialist, is to develop links with similar businesses in Europe. Mr Roger Brooke, chief executive, said yesterday that in addition to a new Frankfurt-based company, LCB Candover, the company was forming links with venture capital investors to operate in the Netherlands. It was also negotiating to set up joint ventures in France, Scandinavia and Italy.

One of the company's investments, made as a result of the partnership with Forstmann Little, was to be listed in the United States giving rise to a 20-fold increase in the value of the investment since 1984. Candover also had a stake in City Merchant Developers, a property company which had anounced that it expects to merge with Rivlin..

Mercury to extend calls

Mercury Communications, the only telecommunications carrier licensed to compete with British Telecom, will from today offer local call services for its directly connected customers in the Birmingham and Manchester areas. The extended service, previously only available in London, will be most beneficial to companies with more than 30 exchange lines.

Nissan export drive in Spain

Nissan UK will begin exporting its Bluebird saloon cars to Spain next autumn as part of a realignment of its European operations. While cars will go to Spain, parts, probably including engine blocks, will be shipped to Britain as part of its plan to concentrate European passenger car production in Britain and commercial vehicle manufacture in Spain.

Japan groups in trade pact to boost North

Fuji Bank, a leading Japanese bank, and Marubeni Corporation, a Tokyo trading company, will sign trade and co-operation agreements with Britain's Northern Development Company on Tuesday for the exchange of information to attract more cash to the North. Thirteen Japanese companies, including Nissan and Komatsu, are already there.

Mr Ray Atkinson, chairman of NDC, said: "It is the first time a simultaneous signing of an agreement between a major bank and trading company has taken place with a regional development organization in Britain."

Single merger control urged



The Confederation of British Industry whose president is Mr David Nickson (right), yesterday called on the Government to combine the merger functions of the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It also urged "greater predictability in merger policy to enable companies to frame business strategies with confidence".

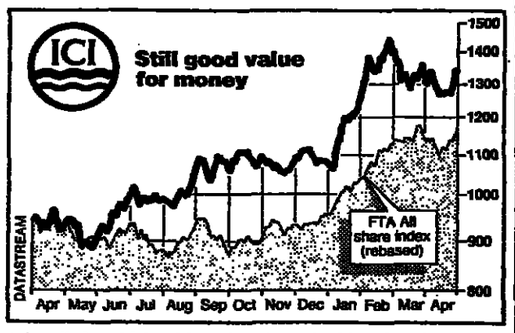
Record Plumb profits

Plumb Holdings, the shop-fitting and interior contracting company, almost trebled profits in 1986 to a record £1.45 million, 12 per cent more than forecast at its flotation on the Unlisted Securities Market last November and well above the £520,000 earned the previous year. Turnover rose by 42 per cent to £26.91 million and shareholders will receive a dividend of 1.5p.

STOCK MARKET

Pearson up by 18p on renewed bid talk

By Michael Clark



Bid speculation was rekindled in Pearson, the publishing and merchant banking conglomerate, yesterday after a large parcel of shares changed hands.

Warburg Securities, the broker, found a home for a line of almost 9 million shares, worth about £56 million at 622p each. The seller was Hutchison Whampoa, the Hong Kong trading group, headed by Mr Li Ka-Shing, a wealthy businessman, which has decided to sell its near-5 per cent holding. Talks last year between the two sides ended ended in failure and Pearson gave a warning that it would resist any attempt by Hutchison to increase its holding.

Last night, dealers were claiming that the mystery buyer of the stake was Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher of the *Daily Mirror*, who has just sold his 26 per cent stake in Extel, the news agency and financial information publisher, to Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, for £64.4 million.

Pearson has been the subject of persistent takeover talk since Hutchison declared its holding and this latest flurry of activity in the shares can only heighten speculation.

The Pearson share price continued to nudge towards their peak with a rise of 18p to 625p yesterday as a total of 21 million shares were traded. At these levels, Pearson is capitalized at £1.27 billion. But, last night, a bid from Mr Maxwell was being ruled out. Market men claimed that such a move would almost certainly run into trouble from the Monopolies Commission.

The rest of the equity market continued to extend its lead, still cheered by this week's cut in base rates and hopes of even more in the pipeline. There was selective support for most leading shares, although prices showed signs of running out of steam as the day wore on.

However, another firm start to trading on Wall Street enabled them to finish near their best levels of the day. The FT index of 30 shares closed 3.5 up at 1,612.0, while the FT-SE 100 nudged closer toits all-time high with a rise of 11.9 to 2,050.5.

Double-figure gains were seen in **Hawker Siddeley**, 14p to 531p, while rises of 10p were seen in **British Aerospace**, 652p, **BAT Industries**, 502p and **Blue Circle Industries**, 841p.

Government securities finished the day with rises ranging to £¼ in thin trade.

Cookson responded to a bullish lunch at James Capel, the broker, with a 10p rise to 642p, while **Kleinwort Benson**, the merchant bank, advanced 20p to 473p after a "buy" recommendation from Pru-Bache.

Phillips & Drew, the broker, was said to be pushing the shares of the **Rank Organisation**, up 3p at 724p yesterday, ahead of next month's visit by analysts to the group's hotel and time-share interests in North Carolina. Dealers claim that the visit will give the analysts a chance to speak to Rank's top management, who will be there to meet them.

ICI paused for breath yesterday, losing 7p at £13.45 following this week's bumper first-quarter figures showing pretax profits climbing from £204 million to £334 million. This was greatly above market estimates. Most analysts had been looking for about £300 million.

But the rise on the week so far is still almost 100p and, according to analysts, the share price still has plenty of life left in it yet. Mr Martin Evans, an analyst at County Securities, the broking arm of National Westminster Bank, still regards them as a strong "buy." He describes Mr Denys Henderson's first statement at an annual meeting as chairman as "positive and aggressive."

ICI's strong growth, its acquisition programme, increased market penetration and potential for attracting overseas support for the shares reinforces his view that the group is a three-star "buy."

Bid speculation was revived in **Combined English Stores**, up another 14p at a new peak of 321p – a rise on the week to date of 44p. **Ratners**, the jeweller, attempted to arrange a merger earlier this year and failed. Mr Gerald Ratner, the chairman, is said to have ruled himself out of the running. Now the spotlight has focused on **Woolworth**, which has been hitting the acquisition trail lately.

Oil shares enjoyed selective support under the lead of BP, which rose 24p to a new high of 949p following the annual meeting. There were also gains for **Shell**, 20p to £11.90, **Britoil**, 5p to 246p, **Lasmo**, 2p to 244p.

Union Discount, one of the few remaining independent discount houses, jumped 17p to 915p in response to the news that the Kuwait Investment Office, one of the wealthiest institutions operating in the City, has increased its holding to 1.25 million shares.

● Shares of Wilson (Connolly) Holdings, the Northampton building contracter, were nudging towards their year's high yesterday, rising by 5p to 320p. The group plays host today to a coachload of City analysts. They will, no doubt, be hoping for some good news on prospects.

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Wellcome victim of Aids drug hysteria

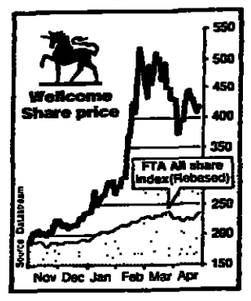
Aids hysteria, like the disease itself, is now so overblown that it could prove fatal for some investors. In other words, unless the market for Retrovir, Wellcome's Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) treatment, lives up to the highest expectations, there will be some badly burnt fingers.

But speculation is the very stuff of markets. For it is precisely the lack of hard information which is buoying up the shares.

The company yesterday dispelled some myths about the drug's side-effects, method of manufacture and potential supply. But the essential numbers on which investment decisions can be based, such as the size of the potential market and significance to Wellcome's profits, are simply not available.

Research into Aids is so intense that Wellcome may not have the market to itself by the time Retrovir starts to make a contribution to profits. Conversely, use of Retrovir with other drugs may prove successful, allowing treatment to extend to Aids related complex, or even symptomless forms of the disease.

Despite the absence of much information, analyst Jennifer McGregor of Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, calculates that treatment of 50 per cent of an estimated 670,000 patients worldwide with Aids in 1992 could be worth 49p a share to Wellcome on the most optimistic assumptions. If the rest of Wellcome is valued on a 20 times multiple, this means investors are paying about 5.5 times 1992 earnings for Retrovir. That may not sound like much, but this is a short-term market.



The future potential of Retrovir is fully discounted and short-term considerations are re-asserting themselves. The multiple on this year's earnings is 50, and the shares are likely to prove volatile.

Aberdeen Construction

Making an unprovoked forecast to build up shareholders' confidence is fine if you meet it. But it merely exacerbates the situation if you miss it – particularly if you miss it by miles.

Aberdeen Construction forecast 1986 profits of £5 million last June to restore confidence after reporting poor 1985 figures which were depressed by a £1 million provision against a construction contract.

Things went downhill rapidly in the second half. Otherwise, even taking into account last year's £0.9 million write-off against Aberdeen land values, yesterday's results suggest it was asking a lot of the group, even in June, to meet the forecast.

The dreadful state of the Aberdeen economy affected concrete and extractive activities.

Even the construction division made little real progress after writing back the 1985 provision, remembering that a large proportion of the profit came from the buoyant South of England.

A full year's inclusion of the Britoil building on the Hill of Rubislaw accounted for the higher rental income.

The balance sheet shows net debt of more than 35 per cent – the level of debt is the same but the percentage has risen as the Rubislaw development has been written down.

The group should make at least £5 million this year. But until the local market improves and the new management finds its feet, speculative interest alone will keep the shares at current levels.

Virgin plays market's song

Virgin's stock market rating has more to do with its glamorous chairman than its immediate profit potential, although its first results as a listed company were up to expectations.

Retail and vision (film, video and television) activities are emerging as useful contributors, reflecting both the investment made in the competitive retail market and expansion of the vision interests.

The purchase of Rushes Post Production provides an entry into the advertising commercials market and strengthens the overall management of the vision business.

Music, the principal profit earner, had a dull six months, as there were few significant releases. This will be corrected over the next year although the importance of the back catalogue – accounting for two-thirds of earnings – should not be forgotten.

A top hit in the US at present is helping to establish the new operation but no profits are likely for about two years. The potential is considerable but start-up costs are £1.5 million a year.

The imminent ADR listing on Nasdaq underpins Virgin's US expansion ambitions. In time, the tax charge will be lower as the proportion of French and West German profits fall in relation to the US. More than 70 per cent of profits come from overseas.

Forecasts for 1986-87 of £25 million seem very achievable. The shares are selling on price/earnings ratio of 22.2 times, leaving little upside in the short term. However, Virgin has some interesting developments up its sleeve and will also benefit as the investment community becomes more familiar with its businesses. One to watch.

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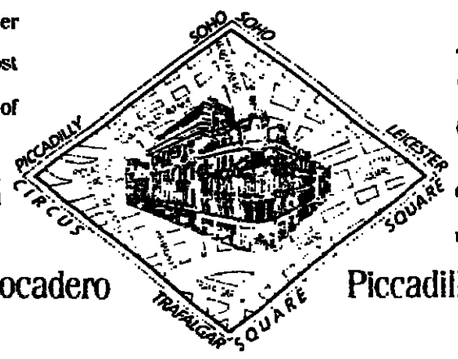
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Bell 'likely to spend £4bn on bid in oil and gas sector'

Perth (Reuter) — Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the chairman of Bell Resources, told shareholders at the annual meeting the company was ready and able to make an Aus$10 billion (£4.277 billion) takeover bid with the lines of credit it had available.

He added that his remark was bound to spark speculation that he was about to launch a new bid for Australia's largest company, Broken Hill, but emphasized that he had no such plans.

Bell had continued to roll over funds negotiated for previous bids and the total was an indication of the banking community's perceptions of its financial strength, he said.

"We are not proposing any specific acquisition at this time but we do, in fact, have the resources to make one," Mr Holmes à Court said.

Last year's takeover battle left Bell controlling 30 per cent of Broken Hill, with both Mr Holmes à Court and Mr John Elliott, chairman of Elders IXL and holder of 19 per cent, on the board.

Bell and Elders agreed not to increase their holdings without a full takeover bid under a pact reached with Broken Hill last September.

Rumours that Bell may bid for the rest of Broken Hill regularly sweep through the Australian share market.

But Mr Holmes à Court said he was happy with the arrangement with Elders and "our present intent is to remain where we are."

Mr Holmes à Court noted the market value of Bell's Broken Hill stake was now more than Aus$1 billion over cost.



Holmes à Court: 'no plans for Broken Hill'

But Bell's next move was likely to be in oil and gas, he said. "It's probably the sector of all the commodities that offers the best investment opportunities at this time. I think we could well be investing selectively in oil producing and exploration companies."

He said he felt the Australian government would make some tax concessions to boost oil exploration incentives, adding that the incentives could be similar to the government's decision last year to retain the tax exemption on gold mining profits.

This, he felt, was the main factor behind the Australian gold share boom.

"It's going to become increasingly important to Australia that we replace depleting reserves and carry out vigorous exploration programmes," he added.

He also told shareholders that he did not anticipate Bell needing to seek any equity from them in the foreseeable future. Bell announced a one-for-five bonus issue yesterday.



Luis Bresser Pereira: time to restart negotiations on debts

New finance chief in austerity call

Senhor Luis Carlos Bresser Pereira (right), Brazil's new finance minister, who was sworn in on Wednesday, has said the country needs an austere economic programme to revitalize trade and cut soaring inflation.

Senhor Bresser Pereira, aged 52, an economist, businessman and lawyer, was sworn in on Wednesday to replace Senhor Dilson Funaro at the head of Brazil's most powerful ministry, responsible both for the faltering domestic economy and the nation's vast $108 billion foreign debt.

"Too much growth last year brought about the economic problems we must face currently, such as 14 per cent monthly inflation. We need an austere and responsible economic policy, which will serve as the basis for an agreement with creditor banks," he said.

He added that it was time to restart earnest negotiations with creditor banks.

"Brazil is ready to talk with creditors but has clear national interests and will not abdicate sovereignty to reach an accord," he said. In February, Brazil temporarily suspended payments on its foreign debt.

President Jose Sarney said during the swearing-in ceremony that economic policy would not be altered much by Senhor Bresser Pereira's appointment.

Unapproved deals led to Merrill loss

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The $250 million (£150 million) losses at Merrill Lynch, the US securities house, on dealing in mortgage-backed securities were the result of "unauthorized" trading by one of its senior market makers. The losses are among the largest ever suffered by an operator in securities markets.

The trader responsible for them has since been sacked. Merrill did not directly attribute the losses to any particular deal but said they had arisen from unauthorized dealing and subsequent market volatility.

Merrill claims to be the largest operator in the mortgage-backed securities market, with a market share of more than 13 per cent. The securities are formed by grouping mortgages into packages which are securitized and sold to investors like other bonds.

Wall Street analysts were, however, speculating that the losses may have come mainly on a large deal where Merrill was stripping off the interest element from the principal of the securities, and selling each element separately. Although it had apparently succeeeded in selling the the interest element to an institutional investor, it had trouble finding a buyer for the principal. At the same time, US bond market prices were falling sharply as interest rates rose. Merrill was left to carry the losses on its own books.

Merrill insists that in spite of the losses it will still make a profit on dealing in this quarter. The losses were reported to US regulatory authorities.

Merrill reports profits almost doubled last year, up from $224 million to $454 million, despite heavy trading losses — possibly more than £20 million — on gilts dealing in London before Big Bang.

Macpherson will return to market

By Teresa Poole

Macpherson, the paint manufacturer which lost its Stock Exchange listing in 1984 when acquired by the owners of Finland's largest paint company, yesterday announced a return to profits and the intention to go public next year for a second time.

The Hertfordshire-based company, which has been making paint for more than 100 years and supplies the Cover Plus brand products sold by Woolworths, also announced the acquisition of Signpost Paints, Britain's biggest independent supplier of paint to the retail trade.

Mr Charles Wenham, who joined Macpherson as chief executive at the end of 1985, said the objective was to become recognized as the number two supplier

Cover Plus holds about 10 per cent of the market and with the addition of Signpost, Macpherson will be close to Crown, the largest in the retail market after ICI.

In 1986, Macpherson showed a turnaround from losses of £2 million to pretax profits of £2.2 million on sales of £101 million. The figures included £2.5 million of one-off costs incurred in rationalizing the company, a process which has reduced the workforce by 1,000 and involved widespread changes in senior management.

Mr Wenham said the company would probably seek a stock market listing in a year's time, assuming 1987 pretax profits reached between £4 million and £5 million. Market capitalization would be between £50 million and £100 million and the flotation will help reduce the company's gearing which will rise to 140 per cent after the acquisition.

In 1984, following a series of unsuccessful diversifications, the loss-making Macpherson was acquired by the Finnish chemical company, Kemira Oy, for £25 million.Kemira Oy plans to retain a stake of at least 51 per cent following a stock market flotation.

Macpherson is paying between £6 million and £10 million for Signpost, depending on this year's profits which are expected to be more than £1 million on sales of £14 million, triggering the maximum payout.

Feedex profits hit by EEC cereals battle

By Our City Staff

The European Community's decision to try to cut its bulging grain stocks by financially penalizing farmers who over-produced led to a fall in profits last year at Feedex Agricultural Industries. This drop followed a 19 per cent rise in the first half.

The company explained that its Rowlands Engineers division found that orders for grain-storage systems from farmers and EEC Grain Intervention Agencies dried up after Brussels introduced a co-responsibility levy on farmers in its battle to contain the cereal mountain.

As a result, Feedex's engineering activities made a pretax loss of £202,601 against a profit of £68,411 previously, dragging overall profits down to £736,377 from £904,074 in 1985.

Turnover slipped from £38.76 million to £35.66 million. The company is paying an unchanged final dividend of 1p, holding the total at 1.5p.

Political uncertainty continues to cloud the horizon. The company said that fluctuating exchange rates and the failure by the European Council of Ministers to finalize the annual farm review will play a key role in determining Feedex's performance this year.

Jacques Vert profits jump 83%

By Joe Joseph

Booming exports of Jacques Vert's quality co-ordinated women's wear to North America and the steady growth of retail outlets helped the company to report an 83 per cent increase in profits to £3.12 million in 1986, its first full year on the USM.

Its shares, which made their debut in December 1985 at 120p, jumped 10p yesterday to 312p, and shareholders will receive a dividend of 7p.

With Mr Jack Cynamon, the chairman, predicting Vert may add 25 to 30 Jacques Vert stores within the next two or three years to its chain of eight, the City is expecting the company to capitalize on its success by seeking a full Stock Exchange listing within the next six to 12 months.

Mr Cynamon admitted that while the business generated enough cash to finance Vert's immediate plans, a full listing was under consideration.

"It would help our status, particularly when negotiating with large property owners on leases in shopping centres," he said.

It is planning to open three more shops by the end of the year to exploit its growing interest among women looking for more quality than Next but cheaper than Jaeger.

But Vert has also steadily increased sales of its core British wholesale business, with a 35 per cent increase in turnover to £13.09 million last year from supplying shops like House of Fraser, Fenwick and John Lewis.

A further £1.44 million came from exports, mostly to the United States and Canada, with £1.56 million of sales reported by Vert's own shops.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Unlikely victims of Gephardt's ambition

Yasuhiro Nakasone made a helpful start to his talks in Washington by disclosing action to cut short-term interest rates in Tokyo (already at a modest 3.8 per cent). Anything that can strengthen Ronald Reagan's shaky hand against the protectionist tide is welcome.

The Gephardt amendment to the trade bill in the US Congress passed with an encouragingly slim majority — encouraging because it raises Mr Reagan's apparently slim chance of vetoing the bill successfully. This is just as well. While the bill is clearly directed at Japan and the new Asian industrial economies, it would seem to require mandatory trade sanctions against both West Germany and Italy.

The numerical tests for a punishable surplus are total trade with the US of more than $7 billion a year, a surplus on that of at least $3 billion and exports to the US running at 175 per cent of imports. Britain and France escape through that percentage test, but Italy, with a $6.5 billion 1986 surplus and exports at 2.4 times imports, is caught, along with West Germany which has a $15.8 billion bilateral surplus.

European Economic Community trade practices are certainly as "unfair" as Japan's (the other test for Gatt-busting sanctions). The only possible way to avoid sanctions, therefore, would be to treat the EEC countries as a whole — which is not envisaged in the bill. Unless some such get-out clause was invented, the world would immediately be in a three-sided trade war.

The most intriguing case, however, is that of Hong Kong. There is little doubt that Hong Kong is one of the most open, free-trading economies in the world. There is no artificial barrier to imports from the US. It would surely be hard to justify sanctions under the bill. On the other hand, Hong Kong exports to the US, particularly textiles, are heavily controlled under discriminatory quotas.

Despite all this, according to Representative Gephardt's own figures, Hong Kong managed a 1986 surplus of $6.4 billion on its trade with the US and exports were 317 per cent of imports, almost the same percentage surplus run by Japan.

There can be little argument that Japan protects its farmers against imports, more of which might come from the US. But, on such comparisons, Japan's bilateral surplus of $59 billion, one third of the total, is no more than would be expected from America's second biggest trading partner. Even the basically similar economy of Canada, the top trading partner, manages to sell the US half as much again as it buys. That should give a better clue to the true reasons for the US trade deficit.

Big Bang — short fuse

The $250 million (£150 million) loss on mortgage securities trading announced by Merrill Lynch this week, accompanied by the sacking of one of its traders, is not the first such blunder by a securities house. Nor will it be the last. Before Big Bang last October, Merrill was rumoured to be losing heavily in the gilt market. In the end, it appeared to suffer losses estimated at up to £25 million. The reason was the build-up of large positions in a bid for market share. Again, one or two dealers were primarily responsible.

Salomon Brothers has also not emerged unscathed from the markets recently. Its sharp earnings drop in the last quarter of 1986, from $132 million to $81 million, almost certainly involved some bad dealing losses. But it also contained high development costs for its fast-expanding London and Tokyo operations. These were specifically alluded to by Salomon in an unusual announcement a month before the figures, warning that they would be disappointing.

Salomon is, however, said to be doing particularly well in gilts, as are Credit Suisse First Boston, James Capel and Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

Greenwell Montagu, Midland Bank's securities arm, has been the most obvious casualty of London competition in equities with its £6 million dealing loss on equity trading and its decision to leave the market. It has the compensation of a solid performance in gilts which, with its pre-Big Bang expertise, is no great surprise.

Of the other clearing banks, Barclays sustained an £11 million trading loss before Big Bang and its costs are still running at a high level, although it claims to be breaking even on trading now. It took on most of Greenwell-Montagu's equities commitments and is one of a number of dealers which has been expanding its range of traded stocks. Sheer capital weight is probably a factor here — as it was always bound to be — but trading success must also be playing a part.

NatWest Investment Bank lost £27 million in setting-up and dealing costs last year while Lloyds lost £28 million, including a £7 million trading loss on gilts.

Morgan Grenfell spent £15 million last year on setting-up its securiites operation. It now claims a 9 per cent share of the equities market — very good for a newcomer to equities dealing. Kleinwort Grieveson Securities is one large firm which appears to have run into difficulties. It lost £10 million on gilts dealing last year, but early this year had a major management reshuffle.

Ron seeks Stacks of luck

By changing the name of his shops from Scoops to Stacks yesterday, Ron Maydon hopes to change the luck of the company, which has enjoyed mixed fortunes since it was floated on the Over the Counter market by Harvard Securities in 1984. The main effect, he hopes, will be to perusade reluctant suppliers that they can resume deliveries to the company, which ran into a severe liquidity crisis, resulting in Maydon taking over from the previous managament, and combining his own chain of 11 cane furniture, glassware and tableware shops with the seven similar shops operated under the Scoops title. Thanks to a rights issue, which long-sufering shareholders supported, Mr Maydon was able to pay off the debts. "Worst thing I did. I thought the suppliers would support me after that, but they just said: 'Thanks very much, goodbye.'" Hence, the change of name. Mr Maydon's efforts to revive the company have not gone unnoticed. He was asked to meet executives of Asda-MFI, who started telling him things about his business he thought only he knew "A bit unnerving, but they only wanted to offer me concessions within their stores and I am going to put in eight shops within shops," he said. Should he want to raise more money, one of his most liquid assets is the number plate on his Range-Rover, R1, for which he was offered £72,000 yesterday.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Ah so! Such a surprise

Our man (temporarily) in Tokyo, Colin Campbell, has struck a welcome blow against criticism that the British expect everyone to speak English so do not have to learn foreign languages. At the end of a nine-man media mission to Japan organized by the Nomura Securities house, Mr Campbell was asked to say a few words of *sayonara* at a reception. While the Japanese host spoke through an interpreter, Mr Campbell said his five-minute piece in Japanese. As he is employed principally for his expertise in corporate and market analysis, not as a foreign correspondent, the gesture caused some astonishment, and admiration. Did it also leave his guides wondering what they had said in his presence, assuming they would not be understood?

Glorious Sir John

Today, the City Diary is giving away its second magnum of Krug Grande Cuvée to the man who has been responsible for acres of reports, comment and judgement in the media of the world, not merely an entry in our diary. Sir John Harvey-Jones, he of the flamboyant ties and relaxed satorial style, was arguably the most influential chairman of ICI since the 1939-45 war. He finally removed the risk that Britain's leading industrial company, as it used to be called, might suffer the fate of the dinosaur He has now left his mighty Millbank office, but we thought the Krug might reach the parts ICI no longer reaches while he chooses the non-executive directorships likely to benefit most from his talents. As he demonstrated at the Reed board table, he is the supreme non-executive director big companies are always looking for but rarely seem to find.



Harvey-Jones: bubbly

Tranquil waters

Peter Walker, Mrs Thatcher's "wet" Energy Secretary, has been awarded a new title while appearing before a Commons select committee on the highly uncontentious issue of energy efficiency. So appreciative was the cross-party watchdog of Mr Walker's responsive approach that Ted Leadbitter, Labour MP for Hartlepool, proposed he be called Secretary of State for Tranquility in Select Committees. But one MP was less than happy about the success of the Government's energy efficiency drive. Tony Speller, Tory MP for Devon North, moaned that Parliament had sweltered through the past week's sunshine because nobody had turned off the heating. Conservative right-wing opinion may currently be that Mr Walker is set to lose his seat in Cabinet if Mrs Thatcher is returned, but there are others who see him surviving, possibly at the Transport Department.

● David Walker, one of the Bank of England's executive directors, received an unlooked for tribute in last night's Radio Four documentary about the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street. He "will make an excellent Governor as soon as there's a chance to make a change," said one of the contributors to the programme. Fine, except the remarks were by Denis Healey, which probably blows Mr Walker's chances as long as the present Government is in office.

Ray Heath

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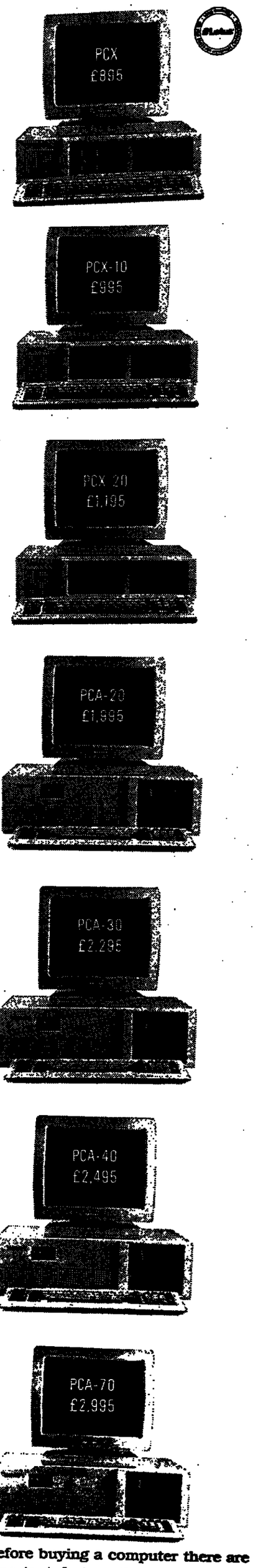
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Udo pays £5m for Aarque

Udo Holdings has agreed to acquire Aarque Systems, a manufacturer and distributor of printing machines and paper, for £5 million. It will issue 2.7 million new shares to meet the price, with 2.4 million to be conditionally placed with institutional investors.

In addition, to reduce the borrowings of the enlarged group and to provide additional working capital, a further 3.3 million new shares are being conditionally placed at 185p each to raise £5.7 million.

All the new shares will first be made available to Udo shareholders at 185p each on an 11-for-40 basis.

In brief

● **MJ GLEESON GROUP:** Half-year to December 31. Interim dividend 1.8op (1.65p). With figures in £000: Turnover 44,915 (35,365). Pretax profit 2,897 (2,463). Earnings per share 18.82p (14.63p).

● **PLUMB HOLDINGS:** Dividend 1.5p (not less than 1.5p was forecast) for the year to January 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 26,905 (18,907). Pretax profit 1,451 (520). Earnings per share — weighted average — 7.3p (2.8p).

● **FIVE OAKS INVESTMENTS:** Half-year to December 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 5,776 (109 restated). Pretax profit 553 (174). Earnings per share, fully diluted, 1.88p (1.49p). Comparative turnover has been restated to reflect the change in accounting policy in 1986, but including rents receivable, less head rents payable.

● **MMT COMPUTING:** Interim dividend 2.25p (1.8p) for the six months to February 28. With figures in £000: Turnover 1,367 (874). Pretax profit 450 (264). Earnings per share 14.4p (7.5p).

● **WSL HOLDINGS:** Half-year to February 28. With figures in £000: Turnover 23,290 (2,124). Pretax profit 1,254 (153). Earnings per share 4.03p (0.89p).

● **CT GROUP:** Year to January 31. Total dividend 1.05p (0.9p). With figures in £000: (comparisons restated): Turnover 29,045 (31,051). Pretax profit 1,833 (1,450). Extraordinary debits 199 (1,279). Earnings per share 3.24p (2.77p).

● **LEISURETIME INTERNATIONAL:** Year to October 31. Total dividend 1.75p (2.3p). With figures in £000: Turnover 11,446 (6,512). Pretax profit 106 (477). Earnings per share 1.11p (6.94p).

● **DAKS SIMPSON GROUP:** Half-year to January 31. Interim dividend 2.25p (1.75p). With figures in £000: Turnover 25,985 (23,913). Pretax profit 1,863 (1,551). Earnings per share 18.47p (14.63p).

● **SYSTEMS RELIABILITY:** Total dividend for 1986 unchanged at 5p. With figures in £000: Turnover 12,963 (13,011). Pretax profit 2,831 (3,200). Earnings per share 15.9p (16.9p).

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	1,900	English China	351	Rank Org	254
Amstrad	10,000	Fisons	657	Rank Hovis	577
Argyll	686	Gen Accident	817	Redland	353
ASDA-MFI	3,300	GEC	6,900	Reckitt Colman	130
Ass Br Foods	894	Glaxo	750	Reed Int	529
BET	924	Globe IT	237	Reuters	877
BTR	2,700	Granada	9,100	RMC Group	182
BAT	4,200	Grand Met	422	RTZ	879
Barclays	404	GUS 'A'	286	Rowntree	774
Bass	289	GRE	375	Royal B of Scot	275
Beecham	1,100	GKN	1,100	Royal Ins	894
Blue Circle	361	Guinness	1,900	Saatchi	444
BOC	1,500	Hanson	11,000	Sainsbury (J)	527
Boots	2,900	Hawker Siddeley	2,100	Sears	18,000
BPB Ind	638	Hillsdown	1,100	Sedgwick Gp	678
BPCC	5,900	Imp Chem Ind	1,600	Shell	6,300
Br Aerospace	2,200	Imp Cont Gas	—	Smith & Nephew	2,800
Br Airways	3,500	Jaguar	804	STC	2,600
Brit Comm	265	Ladbroke	1,000	Stan Chart	764
Br Gas	2,000	Land Securities	1,000	Storehouse	1,200
Br Petroleum	11,000	Legal & Gen	927	Sun Alliance	395
Br Telecom	5,800	Lloyds	1,500	Tarmac	408
Britoil	3,400	Lonhro	253	TSB P/P	3,300
Bunzl	1,800	Marks & Spencer	2,100	Tesco	1,300
Burton	5,300	MEPC	461	Thorn EMI	2,600
Cable & Wireless	3,600	Midland	1,100	Trafalgar House	3,600
Cadbury Schwep	1,500	Nat West	582	Trusthouse Forte	1,600
Coats Viyella	535	P & O Dfrd	616	Unigate	493
Com Union	1,500	Pearson	20,000	Unilever	299
Cons Goldfields	593	Pilkington Bros	931	Utd Biscuits	515
Cookson Gp	466	Plessey	2,400	Wellcome	6,400
Courtaulds	845	Prudential	595	Whitbread 'A'	1,700
Dee Corp	2,700	Racal Elect	4,100	Woolworth	889
Dixons Gp	2,000				

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RECENT ISSUES

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Aurtours (180p)	198 +1
Bellwinch (115p)	130 –1
Burford (80p)	*178 +10*
Camb Instr (130p)	130
Camb Isotopes (55p)	95 –1
Capital Radio (105p)	168 +4
Castle Comm (200p)	211
Church C	118 +2
Cooper (A) (130p)	148
Cundall New (125p)	148 –2
Dale Group (110p)	120 –1
Epwin (155p)	190 –1
Flotfax	166 –4
MIL (144p)	195 +1
Mallett	188 +7
March Gp	125 +1
Melville (114p)	123
Nobo (152p)	174 –2
Perpetual (180p)	195
RCO (95p)	97
RKF	77 +2
Reliance Sec	166
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	264 +1
Sinclair G S (90p)	110
TSB Group (100p)	83¾ –¾
UCL Gp	161
Virgin (140p)	177 +3
Waterglade (140p)	181
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Speyhawk N/P	90
Vaux N/P	84
Walker A N/P	37
Weir N/P	26 +7½

(Issue price in brackets).

BP survey uprates Forties reserves

British Petroleum (BP) has increased its estimate of recoverable reserves from the British North Sea Forties field by 319 million barrels.

This revision raises the original recoverable reserves to 2.39 billion barrels which leaves 707 million barrels to be recovered as 1.68 billion barrels had been produced by the end of 1986.

The Forties field, which is situated about 110 miles north-west of Aberdeen, began production in 1975.

Initial estimates of recoverable reserves were set at 1.8 billion barrels and have now been revised upwards three times.

BP said the new reserves estimate is based on a more *comprehensive understanding* of the reservoir performance after nearly 12 years of production and an intensive study carried out over the last 12 months.

Forties production in the first quarter of 1987 averaged 340,000 barrels per day (bpd).

The company said the recoverable reserves of the Magnus field, 100 miles north-east of the Shetlands, have also been increased to 665 million barrels from 565 million, of which 147 million had been produced by the end of 1986.

This revision is the first *since production started in* August 1983. First-quarter Magnus output was 126,000 bpd.

Commenting on these upratings, Sir Peter Walters, the chairman of BP, said: "This is a substantial improvement in what is already one of the North Sea's most productive fields. It has come about



Sir Peter Walters: improved technology and production

through improved field technology and good field production practice."

The implications of these revised estimates for future production from both fields are now being examined.

BP has an 83.13 per cent interest in Forties and operates the field under an agreement with Shell UK, and Esso Petroleum.

BP has a 100 per cent interest in Magnus.

At the company's annual meeting yesterday, Sir Peter said that BP is taking steps to internationalize its shareholding base.

During 1986, the percentage of shares held in the US rose from 1 per cent to 6 per cent.

The spread of BP's equity needs to be as wide as its asset and customer base and it is vital that the company should have access on the best terms available to the widest possible range of capital markets.

That was why, Sir Peter said, the company attaches such significance to the proposed listing on the Tokyo Stock Exchange later in the year.

BP's financial strength and flexibility, which the company is determined to maintain and develop, has already played a crucial role in enabling the company to pursue a new worldwide strategy in which the US in particular has a key position, he added.

The US is the world's largest market for petroleum products, which made it an obvious place for BP to increase substantially its investments, he said.

He added that he hoped the company is "almost over the final hurdle" following the decision by the board of Standard Oil to recommend the BP bid. It is offering $71.50 (£42.95) a share for the 45 per cent of Standard Oil which it does not already own.

He told the annual meeting that the decision to launch the offer followed a completion of Standard Oil's strategic review of operations and the sale of assets which undermined its health.

BP believed it could better shape Standard Oil's future if it avoided conflicts that could arise from a minority shareholding, he said. The tender offer for the Standard Oil shares will close on May 11.

The company intends to call an extraordinary meeting at some stage to seek approval of the proposal to grant accepting Standard Oil shareholders the option to buy BP shares in the form of American Depositary Receipts.

WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) – The market shrugged off its concerns about US-Japan trade friction yesterday and rose in active, early trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 16 points to 2,270.26.

Ford was the most actively traded issue, up by 4 to 91¾.

	Apr 29	Apr 28		Apr 29	Apr 28		Apr 29	Apr 28
AMR Cp	52	51¾	Firestone	38	38¼	Pepsico	31¾	31¾
ASA	66	64¾	Fst Chicago	27½	27¼	Pfizer	69¾	68¾
Aetna Life	56⅛	56	Fst Int Bncp	55¾	54¾	Phelps Dod	30½	31¾
Allied Signal	43¾	43⅛	Fst Penn C	10¾	10⅝	Philip Mor	82¾	83¾
Allis Chalm	2½	2⅝	FT Washva	39½	39¼	Philip Pet	14⅞	14⅝
Alcoa	47⅝	47⅜	Ford Motor	87¾	81¾	Polaroid	70¾	70¾
Amax Inc	21¾	22⅜	GAF Cp	48¾	48¼	Proct Gble	83¾	84
AMR Hess	33⅜	33⅛	GTE Cp	37⅛	37	Pub Svc Eg	38¾	37⅞
Am Brands	43¼	43¾	Gen Cp	115¼	114⅜	Raytheon	75¼	74⅜
Am Can	n.a	42¾	Gn Dynam	83¾	84¾	Rymds Met	69¾	68
Am Cynmd	88⅛	88⅛	Gen Elect	102½	102⅜	Rockwell Int	28⅝	28⅝
Am Ele Pwr	27¾	26⅝	Gen Inst	32⅜	31¼	Royal Dutch	117⅜	118¾
Amex	66½	65¾	Gen Mills	45¾	45⅝	SFE Sopac	40⅜	41¼
Am Home	83⅜	85¾	Gen Motors	87⅞	86⅛	Sara Lee	41⅜	41¾
Am Monors	4¼	4⅛	Gen Pub Ut	22¾	22⅜	Scmumb	40⅜	40¼
Am Stores	39¾	40¾	Genesco	4⅛	4¼	Scon Pap	71¾	71⅞
Am Telph	24¾	24½	Georgia Pac	45¾	44⅜	Seagram	69¾	68⅝
Amoco Cp	80½	81¾	Gillette	55	57¾	Sears Roeb	51¾	52¾
Armco Steel	10¾	10⅝	Goodrich	49¾	46⅝	Shell Trans	77¾	76⅜
Asarco Inc	25¼	24	Goodyear	64	62¾	Singer	44¾	44½
Ashland Oil	59	57¾	Gould Inc	16⅝	18⅜	Smithkln Bk	107¾	105⅝
Atl Richfld	85¼	83¾	Grace Co	66¾	65¾	Sony Cp	20¾	20¼
Avon Prod	30¾	30¾	Grt Atl Pac	35¼	34	Sn Cal Ed	30¾	30¾
Bk Boston	30	31¼	Greyhnd	35¼	34⅜	SW Bell	104⅜	104½
Bank NY	40¾	40¾	Grumman	25¾	25¾	Std Oil	73¾	73⅜
Bankamer	11⅜	11¼	Gulf & West	77¾	76	Stern Drug	50¾	50
Bkrs Tst NY	46	46⅜	Hertz	42¼	41¾	Stevens JP	42¼	42⅝
Beth Steel	13	13¼	Hercules	55⅝	55¾	Sun Comp	60¾	60¾
Boeing	44¾	44¾	Hewlett Pk	56⅛	56¾	TRW Inc	104	103¼
Bosse Cosc	78	77	Honeywell	80¼	79¾	Teledyne	316¾	317¼
Borden	56⅛	56	IC Ind	33¼	33¾	Tenneco	45¾	45⅝
Borg Warnr	47¾	47¾	ITT Cp	56⅝	55⅛	Texaco	33¾	31¾
Brist Myer	97½	96¾	INCO	16⅛	16	Tex Eastn	33¾	33¾
BP	61¾	61	Ingersoll	77¼	76	Tex Inst	191⅛	189½
Brunswick	46⅝	45¾	Inland Steel	27¾	27	Tex Util	31¾	31½
Burl Ind	57¾	57¾	IBM	158½	155¾	Textron	61¾	61¾
Burl Nth	67¾	66¾	Int Paper	99	97¼	Travelers	44¾	45
CBS	160¾	160¾	Irving Bk	44¼	43¾	UAL Inc	68¾	69¾
CPC Int	46¾	47¾	Jhsn & Jhsn	87¼	87¾	USG	38¼	37¾
CSX Cp	31	31¼	K Mart Cp	59¾	58¾	USX Cp	28¾	28
Cmpbell Sp	64¾	65¼	Kaiser Alum	18	18	Unilever NV	287¾	287¾
Can Pacific	17¾	17	Kerr McGee	33½	33½	Un Carbide	29¾	28¾
Caterpillar	47	45¾	Kimbt Clark	109½	109¼	Un Pac Cp	69¾	69¾
Centrl SW	31¾	30¾	Kraft	51¼	50¾	Unisys Cp	117¾	117¾
Champion	38	37½	Kroger	32¼	32¾	Utd Brands	41¾	41¼
Chase Man	37¼	36¾	LTV Cp	3¾	4	Utd Tech	45¾	44¾
Chem NY	41¾	41¼	Litton	87¾	87½	Unocal	36½	35¾
Chevron	57	56¾	Lockheed	45¾	45¾	Walter Jim	50¾	49¼
Chrysler	36¼	33¾	Lucky Str	29¾	29½	Warn Lamb	70¼	68
Cnocorp	51¾	51¾	Man H'nver	41¼	41¼	Wells Far	48¾	48¾
Clark Eq	22¾	22¾	Manville	2¾	2¾	Westg El	62¾	61
Coca Cola	41¼	41¼	Masco	60	60¾	Weyerhsr	54¼	53¾
Colgate	42¼	42½	Mannie Mid	47½	46¾	Whirlpool	36¾	36¼
Columb Gas	46¼	46	Mt Marietta	44¼	44	Woolworth	48	47¾
Cmb m Eng	33¾	33¾	Masco	35¾	34¼	Xerox Cp	76¾	75¾
Cmwth Ed	35¼	34¼	Mcdonalds	78½	76¾	Zenith	26¾	26¾
Cons Edis	43¾	42¾	McDonnell	69½	70¾			
Cn Nat Gas	40¼	40¼	Mead Cp	67	66¾			
Cons Pwr	19	18	Merck	145¾	147¾			
Com Data	33¾	32¼	Minsta Mng	125¼	124			
Corning Gl	62¾	62½	Mobil	48¼	48¾			
Crane	38¾	37½	Monsanto	85¾	85½			
Curtiss Wrt	59¾	59¾	Morgan Jp	44¼	43¾			
Data Genl	31½	30¼	Motorola	60¼	58¾			
Deere Co	27¾	26¾	NCR	73¾	72¾			
Delta Air	48¾	48¼	NL Indstrs	7	7			
Detroit Edi	16¾	16¼	Nat Distil	69	68¼			
Digital Eq	171	169	Nat Med Ent	27¼	27¾			
Disney	64¼	63¼	Nat Semi	15¾	15			
Dow Chem	81¾	81½	Norfolk Sth	29¼	28¾			
Dresstr Ind	27¾	26¾	NW Bancrp	37¾	36¾			
Dupont	108¼	108	Ocean Petl	33¾	33¼			
Duke Pwr	44¼	44¼	Ogden Cp	64¼	63¾			
East Kodak	75¾	72½	Olin Cp	48¾	48¾			
Eaton Cp	85¾	84¾	PPG Ind	40¾	39¾			
Emerson El	102¼	100¾	Pac Gas El	20¾	20½			
Emery Air	13¼	13	Pan Am	4¾	4¾			
Exxon	84¾	84¼	Penney JC	96¼	94¾			
Fed Dpt Sts	93¾	93¾	Pennzoil	78¾	77			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico Eag	37¾	38½
Alcan Alum	57	55¾
Algoma Sst	15¼	17
Can Pacific	23½	22¾
Comnco	16¾	16¾
Con Bemrst	18¾	18¼
Hawk S Can	27½	27½
Hud Bay M	25¼	25½
Imasco	35¾	35
Imperial Oil	64¾	64
Int Pipe	48¾	48¼
Royl Trstco	34½	34¼
Seagram	93¼	92¼
Shelco 'A'	24	24¼
Thmsn N 'A	29¾	29¾
Vanty Cp	2.85	2.90
WCT	16¾	16¾
Weston	37¾	37

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Allied Lyons	360	57	67	77	6	9	17
(*406)	390	32	45	52	13	18	22
	420	16	28	35	28	33	40
British Gas	80	21	24½	—	1½	3	—
(*98)	90	13	17½	20	4	6	7
	100	7	11	14½	7¾	10	11½
British Airways	130	21	25	—	3	8	—
(*150)	140	15	21	26	6	12	14
	160	7	13	18	17	21	24
BP	850	120	148	170	10	22	32
(*939)	900	90	118	140	25	35	48
	950	60	86	—	55	65	—
Bntol	220	30	38	45	5	11	13
(*241)	240	20	29	36	15	23	24
	260	11	19	26	26	30	34
Cons Gold	950	85	115	132	45	67	85
(*968)	1000	67	95	117	77	97	115
	1050	50	80	—	115	127	—
Courtaulds	360	81	94	—	2	4	—
(*438)	390	55	70	82	8	11	15
	420	33	50	61	14	22	25
	460	15	30	41	37	42	45
Com Union	300	28	39	50	8	14	19
(*314)	330	14	24	34	25	30	33
	360	5	13	—	47	52	—
Cable & Wire	300	67	—	—	4	—	—
(*356)	330	45	55	65	11	17	23
	360	25	36	43	25	32	35
	390	9	25	30	45	55	57
GEC	180	27	31	38	3½	7	9
(*198)	200	14	19	25	12	15	18
	220	7	11	—	24	27	—
Grand Met	420	80	88	103	4	8	10
(*486)	460	47	61	73	10	18	22
	500	24	36	47	28	33	38
	550	8	16	—	67	72	—
ICI	1200	180	205	225	15	25	35
(*1345)	1250	140	165	200	20	38	50
	1300	105	135	165	30	55	70
	1350	72	105	130	55	75	90
Land Securities	360	78	85	93	2	5	8
(*435)	390	50	60	68	4	9	16
	420	25	40	50	11	19	29
Marks & Spen	200	34	40	47	2	5	9
(*232)	220	21	28	35	9	13	17
	240	9	16	23	22	25	28
Shell Trans	1150	95	123	145	28	40	53
(*1187)	1200	65	97	120	50	63	75
	1250	45	72	—	75	88	—
Trafalgar House	300	52	62	72	5	8	11
(*349)	330	28	40	50	9	16	24
	360	9	20	31	22	30	38
TSB	70	16½	19	—	1	1½	—
(*84)	80	9	12	15	3	4	5
	90	4	7½	9½	8½	10	12
Woolworth	750	105	130	150	8	27	35
(*843)	800	65	90	120	25	50	60
	850	40	55	90	50	65	80

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Dixons contd	360	—	—	62	—	—	19
	381	26	38	—	18	22	—
Glaxo	1400	100	150	180	45	70	95
(*1428)	1450	70	125	155	75	95	115
	1500	50	105	120	105	125	135
	1550	30	80	110	140	155	165
Hanson	135	29	33	—	1	2½	—
(*163)	150	16½	22	—	3	6	—
	165	7½	14	—	9½	12	—
	180	2½	7½	12	20	22	23½
Sears	130	16	21	28	2	4	6½
(*144)	140	9	14½	18	5½	9	12
	160	2½	8	10½	19	23¼	24½
Tesco	420	78	90	—	2	5	—
(*498)	460	40	60	75	4	12	18
	500	17	32	52	20	25	32
Thorn EMI	500	200	205	—	1	1¾	—
(*690)	550	150	155	—	2	4	—
	600	100	105	130	4	12	20
	650	58	70	97	15	25	32
THF	200	50	54	60	1	3	6
(*246)	220	32	38	45	3½	8	10
	240	16	26	31	8	13	18

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Bnt Aero	600	80	88	100	5	20	25
(*652)	650	25	52	67	20	35	42
	700	6	33	42	53	60	67
BAT Inds	420	87	100	—	1	4	—
(*503)	460	50	70	83	4	10	17
	500	18	52	56	14	25	32
	550	5	22	37	55	55	68
Bnt Telecom	220	69	73	82	½	1½	4
(*287)	240	49	56	64	1	3½	9
	260	29	40	48	2	8	14
Cadbury Schwpps	240	17	30	43	5	11	16
(*252)	260	7	20	30	15	21	28
	280	2½	10	—	29	33	—
Gunness	300	31	48	58	3	11	18
(*325)	330	10	24	40	15	25	27
	360	2	12	—	38	40	—
Ladbroke	373	67	72	—	1	4	—
(*437)	403	37	48	62	3	9	17
	443	10	25	35	22	25	32
LASMO	220	26	34	45	6	11	17
(*244)	240	12	15	35	12	23	28
	260	5	15	26	28	31	37
Plessey	220	20	28	33	3	6	10
(*237)	240	9	17	21	12	18	21
	260	2	9	13	26	28	32
P & O	560	75	90	105	2	8	13
(*620)	600	30	53	68	8	20	27
	650	5	22	38	38	45	52
Racal	220	17	22	30	7	13	14
(*228)	240	5	12	18	17	22	26
	260	1½	6	12	33	36	40
RTZ	800	180	180	192	3	5	17
(*975)	850	130	132	154	3	10	30
	900	77	102	122	11	25	42
	950	43	78	85	27	45	60
Veal Reef	130	12	19½	25	4	10	14
(*139)	140	8½	16½	21	8	14½	17
	150	6	12	18	15	18½	22

	Series	May	Aug	Dec	May	Aug	Dec
Barclays	500	28	47	60	8	18	30
(*518)	550	5	25	32	40	45	52
	600	1	7	15	87	92	97
Midland Bank	550	115	130	147	2	5	12
(*660)	600	67	82	102	4	12	22
	650	32	50	67	17	30	37

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Lonmo	200	70	74	—	1½	2	—
(*266)	218	53	57	—	2	4	—
	236	37	41	46	4½	7	11
	255	21	28	33	7	13	17
	273	11	18	23	17	22	25

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Tr 11¾% 1991	104	4⅜	7/16	—	1/16	3/16	—
(*£109)	106	2⅝	3/16	3/8	3/32	3/16	1/8
	108	1 5/16	3/16	2	7/16	1	1⅜
	110	13/32	1	1 1/16	1½	2⅝	2½
Tr 11¾% 03/07	116	7½	8	8⅝	1/16	1 1/16	1¼
(*£124)	118	5½	6½	7 1/16	3/32	1 1/16	2 9/16
	120	4	5 5/16	6	3/8	1⅜	3¼
	122	2 9/16	4 1/16	4¾	⅝	2¾	3¾
	124	1¼	3 1/16	4	1⅞	3 9/16	4 3/16

		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
FT-SE	1750	301	—	—	—	½	—	—	—
Index	1800	251	252	—	—	½	2	—	—
(*2046)	1850	201	202	—	—	½	5	—	—
	1900	151	157	170	185	½	10	18	35
	1950	101	108	133	150	½	20	33	45
	2000	51	68	102	115	½	34	57	70
	2050	1	45	70	90	18	55	77	93
	2100	—	20	48	—	—	83	100	—

April 30, 1987. Total contracts 33158. Calls 25319. Puts 7839. *Underlying security price.
FT-SE index. Calls 2015. Puts 809

Interest Rate Change

Allied Irish Banks plc announces that with effect from close of business on 29th April 1987, its Base Rate was reduced from 10% to 9½% p.a.

Allied Irish Bank

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"The Group now has the structure and the people to carry out its strategy; in Sir Kit McMahon it will have a Chairman and Group Chief Executive of distinction and experience. I retire from the Board confident that stronger foundations are in place and that a rewarding future lies ahead for Midland."

Sir Donald Barron,
who handed over to Sir Kit McMahon at yesterday's Annual General Meeting.

Pre-tax profits rose from £351m to £434m.

Earnings rose from £122m to £242m.

Post-tax return on equity rose from 6.8% to 12.5%.

Dividend increased from 25.5p to 27p.

For a copy of the Annual Report write to the Secretary, Midland Bank plc, Poultry, London EC2P 2BX.

Midland Bank Group

SUN LIFE WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THE RISK ON YOUR PROXY FORM.

Sun Life shareholders have all enjoyed an exceptional return on their investment over the last ten years.

Resolutions proposed by Runic Nominees Limited

Special Business	For	Against
7. To appoint Mr J. M. Middlemas as an additional director		
8. To appoint Mr D. R. G. Marler as an additional director		
9. To appoint Mr M. Rapp as an additional director		

Dividends per share have soared from 3.1p to 28.5p.

That's a 26.1% compound growth. Easily more than the nearest rival.

It compares rather well with a sector average of 18.6%.

During the same period, clients have entrusted us with funds that have swelled from £895.3 million to nearly £5 billion.

Added to that, we've expanded our portfolio, doing particularly well in unit trusts where we've won many accolades from the financial press.

A most satisfying performance to say the least.

But one shareholder however, is still not content.

It seeks to gain a more influential role in your company.

Namely, seats on the Sun Life Board.

The Liberty Life Group of South Africa is proposing three of its own employees as additional directors.

Since Liberty already has a 25.7% interest in the Society, it's certainly no surprise that the Sun Life Board is determined to stop this back door bid for control.

We believe the proposals put the interests of the business, and those of the rest of the shareholders, at risk.

And we urgently recommend you vote against it.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY plc

PROXY CARD
FOR USE AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13 MAY, 1987

PLEASE TEAR OFF BEFORE POSTING THE SECTION OPPOSITE

(BLOCK CAPITALS)

the Chairman of the Meeting
Proxy to vote for me/us on
at Goldsmith's Hall, Foster
ournment thereof.
using your votes to be cast.
on for which no indication is
on proposed at the Meeting.

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Resolutions proposed by Directors

Ordinary Business	For	Against	For	Against
1 To receive the directors' report and approve the audited accounts for the year ended 31 December, 1986			X	
2. To re-elect PETER JAMES GRANT as a director			X	
3. To re-elect GERALD JAMES ALEXIO JAMIESON as a director			X	
4. To re-elect JEREMY PEMBERTON as a director			X	
5. To re-appoint Peat Marwick McLintock and Gane Jackson Scott as joint auditors and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration			X	
Special Business				
6. To empower the directors to allot securities as if s.89(1) of the Companies Act 1985 did not apply thereto			X	

Resolutions proposed by Runic Nominees Limited

Special Business	For	Against	For	Against
7. To appoint Mr J. M. Middlemas as an additional director				X
8. To appoint Mr D. R. G. Marler as an additional director				X
9. To appoint Mr M. Rapp as an additional director				X

YOUR DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU VOTE AS INDICATED BELOW

Your Directors' reasons for this recommendation are explained in the accompanying circular letter.

Signed

Dated this day of 1987

Notes:
1. *To be effective this proxy must be lodged at the address overleaf or at the Registrar's Department, 29 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN not less than forty-eight hours before the time of the Meeting.*
2. *Any alteration must be initialled by the person(s) signing this form.*
3. *If the appointer is a Corporation, this proxy must be either under its Common Seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised in writing.*
4. *In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote whether in person or by proxy will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of other joint holders. For this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand on the Register.*

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A vice-chairman for Morgans

APPOINTMENTS

Morgan Grenfell Group: Mr **George Law** has been appointed a vice-chairman.

Whitlock Corporation: Mr **Keith Green** is made president.

CH Industrials: Mr **David Nash** becomes managing director of both Beclawat and Tensator. Mr **John Thurston** is made non-executive deputy chairman of the two companies.

National Westminster Bank: Mr **Trevor Adamson** become deputy regional director, North, with Mr **Barry St George Austin Teed** as a director and chairman of the Eastern Regional Board.

Montagu Loebl Stanley: Mr **Julian Tregoning** has been named managing director in succession to Mr Robert Froy.

Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens: Mr **Philip Goodwin**, Mr **Ian Hodgson** and Mr **Andrew Nitch-Smith** become partners.

Willington Medicals: Mr **Barrie Thompson** is made a director and general manager.

Digital Equipment Company: Mr **Paul Biddle** has been made director of finance and administration, with Mr **John Boyd** as director of legal services.

Budgen: Mr **Tony Birch** has been made managing director.

Theodore Goddard: Mr **Philip Bulley**, Mr **Peter Jackson**, Miss **Victoria Staveley-Taylor**, Mr **Don Turner** and Mr **Philip Woolfson** join the partnership.

Arthur Young: Mr **John Brimacombe**, Mr **Graham Morgan**, Mr **Richard Smee** and Mr **Michael Tandy** are made partners.

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
450	180	Abelscot Group	380	410	n/c
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	29	32	n/c
125	110	Allied Insurance	120	130	n/c
60	36	Catalyst Comm	58	62	+4
68	24	Corton Beach	58	63	-2
195	121	Edenspring Inv	183	193	n/c
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	41	43	+4
41	8	Do. Warrants	27	29	+2
33	17	Publishing Holdings	33	35	+1
57½	46	Theme Holdings	49	52	+2
133	112½	Unit Group	110	115	n/c

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 87	91.00	91.00	90.94	90.96	4748
Sep 87	91.29	91.29	91.22	91.24	787
Dec 87	91.28	91.29	91.23	91.25	625
Mar 88	91.13	91.13	91.13	91.13	5
Jun 88	NT	----	----	90.97	0
Sep 88	NT	----	----	90.89	0
Dec 88	NT	----	----	90.80	0
Mar 89	NT	----	----	90.65	0
Previous day's total open interest 29406					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 87	92.56	92.62	92.53	92.53	5579
Sep 87	92.23	92.29	92.19	92.19	2693
Dec 87	91.99	92.04	91.96	91.95	573
Mar 88	91.78	91.84	91.77	91.76	255
Jun 88	91.60	91.60	91.50	91.58	20
Sep 88	91.41	91.41	91.41	91.41	10
Dec 88	NT	----	----	91.23	0
Mar 89	NT	----	----	91.09	0
Previous day's total open interest 29035					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 87	91-04	91-30	90-25	91-26	5859
Sep 87	90-18	91-00	90-18	90-30	35
Previous day's total open interest 5518					
Short Gilt					
Jun 87	NT	----	----	----	
Sep 87	NT	----	----	----	
Dec 87	NT	----	----	----	
Previous day's total open interest 0					
Long Gilt					
Jun 87	126-12	126-25	126-20	126-01	32508
Sep 87	126-10	126-12	126-02	126-02	352
Dec 87	NT	----	----	126-02	0
Previous day's total open interest 22599					
FT-SE 100					
Jun 87	203.70	205.50	203.70	205.50	697
Sep 87	NT	----	----	209.75	0
Previous day's total open interest 4304					

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 13	May 1	July 23	August 6

Call options were taken out on: 30/4/87 Royal Insurance, Southend Stadium, Property Trust, Abaco, W Morris, Camford Engineering, Sears, Pict Petroleum, Hobson, TV-AM, CH Bailey, Body Shop Instnt., Benlox Holdings, Wellman, Riley Leisure, Helical Bar, Sirdar, Polly Peck, Pentland, Marley, Tyson, Norfolk Capital Group, Bridon.
Put: Royal Insurance.
Puts & Calls: Royal Insurance, Property Trust, Conroy Pet.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range April 30	Market rates close April 30	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6620-1.6670	1.6620-1.6630	0.41-0.38prem	0.95-0.90prem
Montreal	2.2216-2.2363	2.2226-2.2256	0.34-0.22prem	0.82-0.38prem
Ams'dam	3.3558-3.3721	3.3675-3.3721	1⅛-1¼prem	3⅛-3¼prem
Brussels	61.70-62.00	61.88-62.00	19-12prem	40-30prem
C'phgen	11.1938-11.2570	11.2336-11.2570	⅝-1⅛dis	2¾-3⅛dis
Dublin	1.1123-1.1161	1.1148-1.1158	16-21dis	30-41dis
Frankfurt	2.9729-2.9895	2.9851-2.9864	1⅛-1⅜prem	4⅛-3¾prem
Lisbon	230.33-231.57	230.33-231.30	59-139dis	268-400dis
Madrid	208.71-209.66	209.37-209.66	125-160dis	380-435dis
Milan	2127.04-2138.24	2133.63-2138.24	2prem-1dis	1prem-4dis
Oslo	11.1455-11.1847	11.1504-11.1738	4⅛-5dis	13⅝-14⅛dis
Paris	9.9234-9.9757	9.9531-9.9757	1⅛-1¼prem	3-2¾prem
St'khlm	10.4010-10.4416	10.4270-10.4416	¼prem-par	⅝prem-⅝dis
Tokyo	232.02-234.21	233.82-234.21	1¼-1⅜prem	3¼-3prem
Vienna	20.89-20.96	20.93-20.96	10-8¼prem	25¼-23¾prem
Zurich	2.4351-2.4552	2.4513-2.4552	1⅜-1¼prem	3⅞-3¼prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 73.2 (day's range 73.1-73.2).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.5527-2.5643
Australia dollar	2.3659-2.3691
Bahrain dinar	0.6250-0.6290
Brazil cruzado*	41.7013-41.9345
Cyprus pound	0.7775-0.7875
Finland marka	7.2220-7.2620
Greece drachma	219.00-221.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.9641-12.9937
India rupee	20.80-21.00
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4485-0.4525
Malaysia dollar	4.1187-4.1232
Mexico peso	1910.0-1970.0
New Zealand dollar	2.9551-2.9658
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2200-5.2800
Singapore dollar	3.5305-3.5346
S Africa rand (fin)	5.0711-5.1529
S Africa rand (com)	3.3180-3.3267
U A E dirham	6.0900-6.1300

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4950-1.4965
Singapore	2.1220-2.1230
Malaysia	2.4755-2.4765
Australia	0.7028-0.7033
Canada	1.3370-1.3380
Sweden	6.2525-6.2625
Norway	6.6975-6.7075
Denmark	6.7350-6.7400
West Germany	1.7890-1.7900
Switzerland	1.4660-1.4670
Netherlands	2.0175-2.0190
France	5.9700-5.9750
Japan	140.10-140.20
Italy	1280.0-1281.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.10-37.15
Hong Kong	7.8030-7.8040
Portugal	138.50-139.00
Spain	125.60-125.80
Austria	12.65-12.67

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY & GOLD

The Bank of England said it provided the market with assistance worth £487 million yesterday afternoon. It bought £106 million of bills in band one at 9⅛ per cent, £329 million in band two at 9⅝ per cent and £52 million in band three at 9¼ per cent. The rates were unchanged from the lower levels established on Tuesday.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 9½
Finance House 10%

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10 Low 8
Week fixed: 9⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 9⅜	2 mnth 9⅛
3 mnth 9	3 mnth 8⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth 9⅜-9⅝	2 mnth 9⅜-9⅝
3 mnth 9-8⅞	6 mnth 8⅞-8⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth 10	2 mnth 9¾
3 mnth 9¾	6 mnth 9½

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9¾ close 10

1 week 9¾-9⅝	6 mnth 9¾-9⅝
1 mnth 9¾-9⅝	9 mnth 9¾-9½
3 mnth 9¾-9¼	12 mnth 9¾-9⅜

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days 9½	7 days 9½
1 mnth 9⅜	3 mnth 9¾
6 mnth 9	12 mnth 9

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth 9¾-9⅝	2 mnth 9⅝-9⅝
3 mnth 9¾-9⅛	6 mnth 9⅛-9
9 mnth 9⅛-8⅝	12 mnth 9⅛-8⅝

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth 9⅞-9⅝	3 mnth 9¾-9⅝
6 mnth 9⅛-9	12 mnth 9⅛-8⅞

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mnth 6.85-6.80	3 mnth 7.10-7.05
6 mnth 7.30-7.25	12 mnth 7.70-7.65

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6¾-5¾
7 days	6¾-6¾	1 mnth	6⅞-6⅝
3 mnth	7⅛-7	6 mnth	7⅛-7
Deutschemark		call	4¼-3¼
7 days	3⅝-3⅞	1 mnth	3⅝-3⅞
3 mnth	3⅝-3⅞	6 mnth	4-3¾
French Franc		call	8-7
7 days	8-7⅞	1 mnth	8⅛-8
3 mnth	8⅛-8⅜	6 mnth	8⅞-8⅝
Swiss Franc		call	9-5
7 days	2¼-2⅛	1 mnth	3⅛-3
3 mnth	3⅛-3⅜	6 mnth	3⅝-3¾
Yen		call	4⅛-3½
7 days	4⅛-4⅛	1 mnth	4⅛-4
3 mnth	4⅛-3⅝	6 mnth	4-3⅞

BULLION

Gold: $452.50-453.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 456.50-459.50 (£274.75-276.75)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 107.00-108.00 (£64.25-65.00)
Platinum
$ 605.00 (£363.60)
Silver
$ 7.9500-8.0500 (¤4.7850-4.8500)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period April 1, 1987 to April 30, 1987 inclusive: 9.843 per cent.

TARMAC CONTINUES TO BUILD ON SUCCESS

Turnover up to £1.73 billion.
Pre-tax profit up by 26%
to a record £170.5 million.
Pre-tax earnings per share up
from 43.5 pence to 54.8 pence.



Group Chairman Sir Eric Pountain said:
'I am extremely pleased to report once again a record year for the Tarmac Group.
The increase in profit in 1986 stems mainly from organic growth, and reflects great credit on the management of our five divisions and indeed on all of the Group's employees at home and overseas.'

Eric Pountain

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Grindlays Bank p.l.c.
Interest Rates

Grindlays Bank p.l.c. announces that its base rate for lending will change from 10% to 9½% with effect from 29th April 1987

Grindlays Bank p.l.c.
A member of the ANZ Group of Companies
Head Office: Grindlays Bank plc, Minerva House, Montague Close, London SE1 9DH.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	9.50%
BCCI	9.50%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	9.50%
Co-operative Bank	9.50%
C. Hoare & Co	9.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.50%
Lloyds Bank	9.50%
Nat Westminster	9.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.50%
TSB	9.50%
Citibank NA	9.50%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

BANK OF IRELAND BASE RATE

Bank of Ireland announces that with effect from close of business on 1st May 1987 its Base Rate is decreased from 10% to 9.50% p.a.

Bank of Ireland
Established 1783
Area Office: 36 Moorgate, London EC2R 6DP

BANK OF WALES BASE RATE

Bank of Wales announces that its Base Rate has been decreased from 10% to 9.5% with effect from 29th April 1987.

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First National Securities

Base rate

First National Securities Limited announces that with effect from 1st May 1987 its base rate for lending will be 10½%.

First National Securities Ltd., First National House, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 1FB. Telephone: 01-861 1313.

New Interest Rates For Savers & Borrowers

With effect from 1st May 1987 the rate of interest paid on Investment Shares will be reduced to 5.00% p.a. net. The rates of interest on all other classes of shares and deposits except S.A.Y.E., gross interest accounts and A.V.C.'s will be reduced by 1.00% p.a. net from the same date.

The rate of interest on gross interest accounts and A.V.C.'s will be reduced by 1.40% p.a. gross from 1st May 198".

The rates of interest on mortgages (in appropriate cases the basic rates) will be reduced by 1.00% p.a. from 1st May 1987.

In cases where mortgage interest rates are subject to notice, the reduction will take place after the appropriate notice period which will commence on 1st May 198".

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Pre-tax profits up by 26% to £81.2 million

INTERIM RESULTS *for the half-year ended 28 February 1987 (unaudited)*	1st half 1987 £m	1st half 1986 £m	percentage increase
Turnover	557.1	497.6	+12%
Pre-tax Profit	81.2	64.2	+26%
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
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0345 717373 (Lindins)				
Gilt & Fixed	114.8	121.4e	+0.4	9.88
High Inc Equity	120.9	127.9e	+0.6	4.67
Worldwide Bond	185.2	207.8e	+0.1	4.67
American Growth	161.4	171.7	+2.5	1.57
Asset Plastic	68.8	73.2	-0.2	3.63
Assets & Earns	145.5	154.8e	+2.9	1.47
Capital Reserve	70.5	71.1e	+0.3	1.42
Comm & Energy	164.2	174.8	+4.7	0.48
European Capital	94.1	100.1e	+0.8	1.27
General	118.1	177.8	+1.8	3.55
Japan	85.4	88.8	-0.8	..
UK Growth Inc	145.6	154.9e	+1.0	1.14
Do Accum	211.2	224.6e	+1.5	0.29
US Emerging Co's	94.5	97.7	+0.5	1.30
Equities Progress	264.5	281.1c	+0.5	2.41
Mastertrust	72.4	80.3	+0.6	2.11
American Inc	92.6	92.7	-0.4	4.89
ALETHA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
491, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 9494				
Australian	81.1	86.7	+0.6	..
Europe Growth Acc	119.3	127.1e	+0.4	1.62
Europe	96.1	102.4e	+0.1	0.62
Far Eastern	218.0	231.0e	..	0.16
Fin & Prop	82.8	87.7	+0.4	1.57
High Yield	71.9	76.5e	+0.3	3.56
Income & Gth	93.9	99.5e	+0.5	4.27
Int Earnings	185.1	207.7e	+2.0	2.59
Int Growth Inc	97.1	103.4e	+0.6	0.86
Japan Growth Acc	245.0	261.5	+1.8	0.32
Nat Resources Inc	182.0	194.0e	..	..
Pref Amer Gth Inc	124.6	133.6	+1.6	5.72
Prudence Inc	126.4	127.6e	..	5.77
Small Co's Inc	87.8	93.4e	+0.3	1.93
Small Co's Gth	203.3	210.7	+0.2	1.29
Special Sits Inc	162.5	172.1	+1.1	1.23
UK Growth	404.4	428.4e	+2.2	2.48
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793 615066 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	294.5	301.7	+2.3	2.85
Growth & Income	169.8	170.4e	+1.7	3.91
Capital Trust	270.9	287.2e	+3.0	2.58
Balanced	444.5	471.2	+3.3	2.79
Accum Trust	670.8	714.2	+5.0	1.46
American Income	39.7	39.7	+0.1	4.84
High Income Tst	308.4	324.8e	+2.7	4.84
Equity Income	174.7	185.2	+1.3	4.62
High Yield	172.9	183.3e	+1.0	4.73
Start Secs Trust	29.8	31.1e	+0.1	7.86
International	161.7	169.2	+0.5	0.57
Japan Fund	139.2	147.8	+0.1	0.05
Pacific Trust	232.2	236.8	+1.2	0.65
Amer Spcl Sits	85.5	89.8e	+0.7	1.56
Spcl Cl Amer Tst	212.8	226.8e	+1.4	0.56
Aid Assoc Wkrs	262.2	309.8	+2.2	2.48
Conv & Gilt Trust	44.1	42.5e	+0.2	5.27
Smaller Co's	176.8	187.4	+1.2	1.74
2nd Smaller Co's	324.9	357.4e	+3.3	1.28
Recovery Trust	104.5	110.8e	+1.0	2.34
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS				
20, Crowell Street, London EC1				
01-374 6501				
American	47.8	50.9	..	1.92
Australian	26.5	28.2	..	1.36
Japan & General	135.4	144.1	-0.2	0.03
High Income	54.9	58.5	..	3.16
International Trust	95.5	102.5	..	0.78
Income Gth Tst	92.9	98.8	..	2.97
Gilts & Fixed Int	92.1	23.9e	..	9.29
Global Markets	39.1	40.6	..	4.66
Special Situations	62.5	66.5e	..	1.50
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7				
01-534 5544				
America	87.7	92.7e	..	0.97
Aust Accstr	245.4	259.6	..	0.32
Do Income	170.1	180.1	..	0.23
Capital	94.1	99.6	..	2.45
Exempt Trust	591.2	592.1e	..	9.46
Extra Income	92.5	97.9e	..	4.33
Financial	271.3	287.0	..	3.73
500	338.3	357.8	..	2.24
General	169.5	179.3e	..	2.41
Gilt & Fixed Inc	55.4	58.3	..	9.49
Japan & Gen Inc	213.9	226.3e	..	0.09
Do Acc	219.4	232.0e	..	0.09
Growth Accum	210.1	222.3e	..	2.09
Income Trust	414.9	438.0	..	3.31
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 136, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
01-658 6000				
Australia	98.4	105.2e	-0.6	0.28
Exempt	82.3	86.9	-0.2	0.00
Equity Income	70.8	75.3e	+0.4	4.58
Europe	136.0	144.5	+0.6	1.58
Exempt Trust	22.8	24.5e	+0.1	0.77
Growth & Inc	74.7	79.4	+0.7	2.50
Income & Gth	69.2	73.4	+0.4	3.20
Japan Special	113.5	121.1	-0.7	0.10
Japan Sunrise	102.3	109.4e	-0.4	0.00
First Europe	117.8	125.2e	+0.5	0.00
First Japan	92.4	98.3	-0.4	0.00
First N Amer	47.5	50.5	+0.7	1.10
First Smaller Co's	92.3	98.1e	+0.8	2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT				
10, Fenchurch St. London EC3				
01-623 8000				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	60.9	64.2	+0.1	0.00
Do Accum	62.5	65.9	+0.1	0.00
European Inc	161.9	167.5	-0.1	1.65
Do Accum	125.8	132.7	-0.1	1.65
Fund of Fnd Tr Inc	39.3	127.5e	+0.1	4.84
Do Accum	43.7	95.8	+0.3	1.91
General Inc	203.5	214.5	+2.7	1.54
Do Accum	280.5	296.4	+3.8	1.54
Gilt Yield Inc	114.5	118.0	..	9.47
Global Inc	139.0	168.7	+0.5	5.52
Do Accum	270.7	285.8	+1.0	5.52
Do Accum	200.3	206.3	..	10.39
High Yield Inc	114.5	120.9e	+1.1	4.94
Do Accum	234.5	247.7	+2.1	4.94
Int Rec Inc	125.7	132.5	+0.7	1.52
Do Accum	132.8	140.1	+0.7	1.52
Japan Inc	251.5	265.5e	-1.4	0.18
Do Accum	253.6	267.7e	-1.4	0.18
Japanese Spec Inc	112.4	115.5e	-2.1	0.21
Do Accum	113.0	119.2e	-0.6	0.21
N American Inc	82.4	83.3	+0.4	0.64
Do Accum	83.9	84.7	+0.5	0.64
Pacific Inc	163.0	161.4e	-0.8	0.56
Do Accum	173.0	182.5	-0.7	0.56
Planned Investment	157.2	165.3	..	2.66
Smaller Co's Inc	114.2	120.5	+1.1	0.77
UK Equity Gth Inc	34.7	36.6	+0.5	0.42
Do Accum	57.4	60.6	+0.8	0.42
Worldwide Tech Inc	93.2	95.1	+0.8	0.02
Do Accum	92.7	95.6	+0.7	0.02
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	173.0	184.0	..	2.05
Smaller Co's Acc	346.1	368.9e	+0.5	0.76
Do Income	316.7	337.5e	+0.5	0.76
High Income	95.3	99.8e	+0.9	4.92
Income	98.8	105.1e	+0.7	4.62
Man Portfolio Inc	92.6	99.6	+0.7	2.18
Do Acc	153.8	163.6	+1.2	2.18
North American	57.7	61.4	+0.6	1.47
Orient	90.9	96.7c	+1.0	0.29
Exempt	294.4	313.2c	+3.5	2.05
Recovery	70.2	74.8	+1.0	1.15
Gensyst	30.1	32.0	+0.3	0.49
Technology	148.8	158.3e	+2.7	0.30
Europe	22.8	24.5e	+0.1	0.77

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT				
01-588 2868				
Fullcounty Inc	62.6	66.6e	..	2.00
General Inc (4)	290.1	304.5	..	1.58
Do Accum (4)	467.3	490.4	..	1.58
Income Fund (2)	128.7	134.7e	+0.4	4.50
Do Accum (2)	234.4	245.3e	+0.4	4.50
Inst Inc (2)	146.0	152.7	..	0.74
Do Accum (2)	194.7	203.6	..	0.74
Smaller Inc (5)	95.4	99.7e	..	1.97
Do Accum	91.6	97.4e	..	1.97
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JD				
01-621 0011				
Capital	484.6	462.7e	+0.1	1.82
Income	351.3	373.8e	+0.4	4.35
North American	300.8	319.2e	+0.9	0.78
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	484.5	c	..	3.91
Fixed Int	147.75	c	..	9.68
Deposit	100.0		..	10.95
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
01-588 1815				
Income	450.34		..	4.44
Accum	£13.6991		..	9.75
Deposit	100.0		..	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0800 373393				
Amer Growth	24.3	25.8e	+0.4	1.99
Dragon Growth Fund	24.8	26.4	+0.1	0.00
Equity High Income	24.5	26.0e	+0.2	2.00
European Growth	30.9	32.8	+0.1	2.00
General Equity	23.2	24.6	+0.1	2.00
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	29.2	31.0	+0.1	9.00
Gilt & Fixed Inc	29.4	27.1e	+0.1	9.00
Int Inc Tst	28.4	28.9e	+0.2	2.00
Japan Growth	40.5	42.9	+0.2	0.00
Pedigree Gth	31.0	32.9	+0.2	2.50
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ				
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 9818				
Uk & Gen Inc	97.6	91.3	..	2.84
Do Accum	97.6	91.3	..	2.84
Income Inc	97.8	91.5	..	3.85
Do Accum	97.8	91.5	..	3.85
Worldwide Inc	92.4	99.4	..	1.89
Do Accum	92.4	99.4	..	1.89
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD				
161, Chesgate, London EC2V 6EU				
01-726 1000				
E uro G rth S tst	75.0	78.4	+0.2	0.67
Euro Income	221.8	234.8e	+0.2	3.76
Financial	218.2	230.9	+0.9	2.08
Gth East Asia Grth	78.9	84.8e	+0.3	1.89
Growth Investment	359.2	380.1	+1.5	2.02
Income & Growth	89.2	95.2e	+0.4	2.58
Japanese Growth	268.2	273.3	-2.4	0.45
North American Growth	171.1	181.2e	+1.6	0.70
Ind Recovery	151.7	160.5	-0.5	1.30
Smaller Co's	364.7	382.5	+0.4	1.15
Global Inc Tst	84.2	88.9e	+0.3	0.44
Special Sits Acc	374.2	396.0	+1.3	1.15
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown Trustee, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5533				
American Trust	135.5	144.2	+1.2	0.89
European Trust	129.2	134.0e	+0.6	..
Growth Trust	291.5	298.5	+3.1	2.49
High Income Trust	174.1	184.9e	+2.2	4.48
Ind Tech Trust	127.7	136.9e	+1.7	..
Japanese Trust	184.5	196.3	+1.1	..
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 9SL				
07372 42424				
UK Income	60.2	64.1e	+0.6	4.72
UK Growth Accum	68.8	74.3e	+0.8	2.41
Do Dist	68.8	74.3e	+0.8	2.41
European Growth	62.3	66.3c	+0.3	1.66
Growth	65.9	70.2c	-0.3	0.61
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh				
031-226 3492				
American Fund	67.6	72.6	+0.2	1.99
Capital Fund	136.5	145.3c	+1.2	1.17
Eurofund	38.6	28.3	+0.1	1.77
Growth & Inc Fund	168.5	178.4	+1.7	3.48
High & Fixed Fund	127.1	134.4	+2.4	4.91
International Fund	221.1	236.0	+2.8	0.65
Pacific Fund	24.2	25.7	+0.2	0.57
Resources Fund	29.1	30.2e	+0.2	0.28
Smaller Cos Fd's Fnd	39.1	41.5e	+0.3	0.00
Tokyo Fund	208.9	222.5	+1.8	0.00
(Dis) Amer (2)	141.1	145.2e	..	0.67
(Dis) Japan (2)	233.3	238.9	..	0.15
(Dis) Pacific (4)	377.2	385.1e	..	0.42
(Dis) Smaller Jap (4)	168.7	193.3	..	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
South Rodney, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL50 1HJ				
0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	92.3	95.8	+1.0	2.47
Do Accum	92.6	98.3	+1.1	2.41
UK Growth Accum	122.2	129.7c	+1.2	1.68
UK High Inc Inc	93.7	99.4c	+1.2	3.51
N American Accum	71.0	75.7	+0.9	0.71
Far Eastern Accum	125.3	133.6	-0.4	0.76
European Accum	88.2	94.1	-0.1	1.22
UK Gilt & Fi Inc	59.0	61.6	+0.2	7.98
Do Accum	71.7	75.8	+0.2	7.48
Inst Spec Sit Acc	47.1	50.2	..	..
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre, Hampton House, 28, Western				
Road, Romford RM1 3LB				
0708-68988				
Endurance	128.8	137.1	-0.2	0.96
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW				
0296 431480				
Equitable Pelican	94.5	100.6e	+0.5	2.71
High Income Trust	95.0	101.1c	+0.6	4.36
Gilt & Fixed Int	54.8	58.3	+0.1	7.42
Tst Of Inv Trusts	85.1	90.6	+0.4	1.74
Special Sits Trust	98.2	105.6	+1.0	2.08
Irish Amer Trust	61.9	64.9	+0.5	0.83
Far Eastern Trust	104.7	111.4	-1.3	0.39
Int Growth	57.8	61.5	+0.3	1.60
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD				
0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	184.9	196.7e	+0.2	2.65
Do Income	158.7	168.8e	+2.0	2.65
Higher Inc Accum	219.0	233.0e	+2.5	4.27
Do Income	248.7	264.5e	+2.8	3.72
Gilts/Fixed Accum	108.3	114.0	+0.4	7.98
Do Income	97.3	91.8	+0.4	7.98
Nth Amer Tst Accum	141.1	150.1e	+2.0	0.01
Far East Tst Accum	186.2	197.9e	+4.0	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	164.7	175.2c	+1.4	0.79
General Trust	253.5	261.5e	+1.1	2.76
F&C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	68.7	71.0	..	0.26
UK Income Fund	84.8	90.3e	..	4.88
Far Eastern Fund	78.1	83.1	..	0.00
Overseas Income	73.8	78.4	..	3.36
Fixed Interest	62.7	66.8	..	9.61

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Natural Res Fund	70.8	75.4	..	2.27
European Income	82.9	88.2	..	2.32
Financials Fund	32.1	33.5	..	2.70
Ind Tech Fund	117.7	125.3	..	0.15
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
160, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041-332 9132				
Amer Gth Inc	22.8	24.3	+0.3	..
Do Acc	22.8	24.3	+0.3	..
Balanced Gth Inc	64.7	68.8e	+1.4	0.00
Do Accum	68.21	72.60e	+1.36	..
Income Gth Inc	53.0	56.4	+0.4	5.30
Do Accum	56.9	60.5	+0.5	..
Service Co's Inc	72.4	76.1	+0.5	1.82
Do Accum	72.4	76.4	+0.5	..
Higher Inc	38.8	41.3	+0.2	7.09
Do acc	38.8	21.5	+0.1	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY				
0732 361144				
American	112.7	119.8	+1.0	0.68
Asset Equity Income	32.2	34.4e	+0.1	2.79
Assoc Specialist Sits	83.2	88.5e	+0.5	0.12
Australia	41.4	43.9	-0.7	1.79
European	51.4	54.7	+0.1	1.56
European Inc	39.8	42.4	+0.1	3.00
Global Grow	24.5	26.0	+0.1	0.00
Far East Inc	40.1	42.5	-0.1	0.47
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.4	e	..	9.21
Growth & Income	129.4	138.1	+1.3	3.56
Japan Special Sits	39.8	34.2	-1.0	..
Japan	180.5	173.8	-2.5	..
Managed Int	144.5	153.1e	+0.6	0.11
Man Income Equity	109.9	113.9e	+1.0	3.97
Professional Gth	48.5	48.3	+0.7	1.54
South East Asia	47.8	51.0	+0.4	0.00
Special Sits	226.4	239.5	+0.3	0.38
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
5, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London				
EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	20.8	21.8	+1.3	..
Do Accum	20.8	22.0	+1.3	..
Amer Dimensnd Inc	23.7	21.8	+1.2	1.24
Do Accum	21.34	22.8	+1.2	1.24
Capital Tst Inc	27.4	29.2	+1.2	1.78
Do Accum	28.4	30.4	+1.3	1.78
Cpse & Gen Inc	19.5	17.8	+0.8	4.58
Do Accum	14.3	15.0	+0.9	4.58
European Inc	8.8	72.1	..	0.83
Do Accum	68.2	72.1	..	0.83
Exmr Inc Tst Inc	21.0	22.9	+1.3	2.57
Do Accum	28.4	29.2	+1.4	2.57
Financial Accum	53.1	56.2	+0.2	1.10
Do Inc	52.9	56.0	+0.2	1.10
Income Trust	155.7	164.7	+0.7	3.25
Do Accum	188.7	178.3	+0.9	3.25
Int Growth Fd Inc	165.2	174.8	+1.1	..
Do Accum	164.4	173.9	+1.1	..
Japan & Gen Inc	104.5	110.3	-0.4	..
Do Accum	108.4	111.6	-0.4	..
Monthly Income Fd	124.2	132.1	+0.4	3.59
PEP 87	54.5	57.6	+0.2	3.49
Recovery	184.7	195.4	+4.0	1.00
Do Accum	201.5	213.2	+4.4	1.00
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey				
0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	245.3	260.4c	+2.9	2.25
FP Equity Acc	413.3	438.7c	+4.9	2.25
FP Fixed Int Dist	121.3	128.9c	+0.2	8.57
FP Fixed Int Acc	121.3	128.9c	+0.2	8.57
Sharecentre Dist	220.8	234.5c	+1.9	1.34
Do Accum	220.8	244.0c	+1.9	1.34
FP North American	127.3	135.2	+0.9	0.70
FP Pacific Basin	208.1	218.5	-2.2	0.29
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
6th Floor, 3, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 3531				
Amer Special Sits	75.2	80.0e	+0.7	0.58
UK Cap Fnd Inc	130.8	138.2	+2.0	2.10
Do Accum	168.5	201.7	+2.6	2.10
Income Fund	98.1	103.5	+1.2	3.50
Investment	163.3	172.3	+2.0	2.50
US & General	57.2	60.3	+1.0	0.70
Japan & General	275.4	293.0e	-4.3	0.10
Far East & Gen	143.9	153.1	-4.0	0.10
European Fund	129.1	136.7	+0.4	1.05
Germany Fund	84.5	89.7	+0.3	1.06
Ind Inc Fund	51.5	55.1	+0.3	4.29
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP				
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	85.0	90.5	+0.6	0.70
Australian Trust	35.1	37.4e	+0.2	0.00
British Tst Accum	89.0	95.2	+0.9	1.98
Do Dist	68.9	73.4	+0.9	1.98
Commodity Share	91.5	97.2	..	1.60
European Trust	61.4	65.4	+0.3	0.42
Extra Income Trust	61.4	65.4c	+0.3	4.42
Far Eastern Trust	141.8	151.0	+0.4	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	27.4	29.2e	..	8.99
Income Fund	24.8	26.4	-0.1	9.34
Ind Fixed Int Tst	34.6	36.9e	..	9.04
Global Fund Accum	132.6	139.5	+1.1	0.46
Do Dist	124.0	130.5	+1.1	0.46
Gold Share Trust	184.5	196.8	+1.4	0.00
Hedged American	36.9	39.2	+0.3	0.50
High Income Trust	29.2	31.1e	..	4.56
Hong Kong Trust	34.5	36.7	+0.2	1.00
Income Fund	134.6	143.4	+0.9	0.00
Japan Trust	134.2	142.7	-2.9	0.00
Managed Exempt	305.9	318.7e	+1.6	1.91
Oil & Energy Trust	40.1	42.5	+0.6	2.50
Special Sits Trust	39.5	42.0	+0.2	0.00
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	169.0	103.6	+2.1	0.59
Cheltenham UK	38.2	27.5	+0.1	1.82
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA				
01-588 5620				
Ind Growth	98.1	102.4	+1.0	0.89
Emerging Growth	69.9	74.2	+0.4	0.00
American Inc	72.1	76.7e	-0.1	0.51
European Growth	230.9	246.9	+1.0	0.23
Gold & Minerals	70.8	75.7	+0.7	0.46
Japan Growth	82.7	90.3e	-0.4	..
Pacific Basin	92.8	98.8	+0.6	3.39
Pacific Strategy	92.4	98.9	-0.1	0.41
UK Progressive Inc	73.1	77.7	+0.6	3.96
UK Special Opps	155.9	166.8	+1.6	0.62
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Portland Exchange, EC3P 3DN				
01-588 5903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	123.5	128.4	+0.7	8.85
Growth Equity	237.2	272.4	+3.9	2.38
Gtwnstall	340.1	352.4	+5.9	2.38
N American	148.8	157.5e	+1.5	0.00
Pacific	301.4	319.5e	+4.8	0.00
Property Share	376.2	398.1	+8.4	1.00
Smaller Companies	277.1	293.3e	+3.7	1.33
European Trust	275.8	291.9	-3.5	1.89
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ				
01-623 9333				
High Income	66.5	70.9e	+0.8	5.07
N Amer Trust	112.0	118.2e	+1.5	0.75
Recovery	253.8	312.6e	-2.9	2.40
Gth Trust	40.5	42.8c	+0.1	2.59
St Vincent Inc	45.2	48.0e	+0.1	5.00
St Vincent US Gth	71.4	74.4	+1.0	0.51
Tempus Bar Sm Co's	238.3	252.5	..	2.59
Euro Gth Tst	48.1	51.0e	-1.0	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: 8, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217915				
Hambros Smlr Co's	176.8	187.4	+1.3	1.28
Hambros N Amer	66.1	70.1	+0.7	0.93

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Hambros Jap & F E	145.0	153.8e	-0.8	0.28
Hambros Sweden	81.5	86.3	-0.1	0.85
Hambros Eurocash	104.7	110.3e	+0.6	0.83
Hambros Canadian	58.7	62.1	+0.3	1.10
Hambros Equity Inc	103.4	110.1	+0.5	4.26
Hambros High Inc	81.1	86.0e	+0.4	4.67
Hambros Res Assts	72.8	77.2	+0.4	0.00
Hambros Ind Sts	67.3	71.4	+0.5	0.70
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.				
0277 217288				
Amer Recovery Tst	102.0	118.0c	-0.5	2.10
Amer Smaller Co's	50.6	53.6e	+0.3	0.01
Australian	104.3	111.6e	+0.5	1.66
Capital Growth Inc	72.5	77.3e	+0.2	1.00
Do Accum	82.4	87.8e	+0.2	1.43
European	261.9	281.0e	+0.7	0.65
Far East	91.7	97.7	+0.5	0.00
Euro Smaller Co's	111.4	118.5	..	0.16
Extra Income	222.5	238.9e	+0.4	3.61
Financial Trust	189.6	202.8	+0.5	3.82
Fixed Interest Tst	25.2	26.9	+0.1	9.29
Gilt Trust	44.5	47.6c	+0.1	0.15
Global Healthcare	78.5	83.1	-0.2	0.91
Global Inc Bdgt	84.4	90.2	..	0.00
Global Opportunities	137.7	147.2	+0.5	0.00
Global Tech	118.6	126.8	+0.5	0.01
Gold	94.7	101.3	-0.3	1.97
High Income Tst	72.5	77.5e	+0.2	5.21
Hong Kong	62.0	65.0	+0.4	0.36
Income & Growth Inc	169.7	182.4	+0.9	2.88
Do Accum	209.6	224.0	+1.1	2.88
International	182.6	194.9e	+1.4	1.77
Japan Special Sits	218.1	233.0	+1.2	0.01
Japan Smaller	218.1	233.0	+1.2	0.01
North American	148.9	152.1	+0.5	0.00
Pacific Smaller Co's	81.7	86.6e	+0.4	1.14
Prof & Gth	90.0	93.5e	..	0.02
Recovery Tst	167.6	181.2	+0.1	0.48
Singapore & Malay	38.2	41.7	-0.5	1.32
Smaller Co's Div	156.5	168.6e	+0.6	0.00
Special Sits Inc	171.9	183.1e	+2.5	0.07
Do Accum	244.1	260.0e	+3.5	0.07

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Provident	Banks,Discount	
2	Jones (Ernest)	Drapery,Stores	
3	Marley	Building,Roads	
4	Glesson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
5	Telephone Rentals	Electricals	
6	Burgess	Industrials A-D	
7	Audio Fidelity	Electricals	
8	Mowlem (John)	Building,Roads	
9	BBA	Industrials A-D	
10	Sindall Perkins	Building,Roads	
11	Wilson (Cosgolly)	Building,Roads	
12	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
13	Cohen (A)	Industrials A-D	
14	Amec	Building,Roads	
15	Beazer (CH)	Industrials A-D	
16	Hay (Norman)	Industrials E-K	
17	Bellway	Building,Roads	
18	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
19	Kennedy Brookes	Hotels,Caterers	
20	Tibbet & Britten	Drapery,Stores	
21	Ward White	Drapery,Stores	
22	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
23	Bridport-Gundry	Industrials A-D	
24	King & Shaxson	Banks,Discount	
25	Delta	Industrials A-D	
26	Phoenix & Timber	Building,Roads	
27	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
28	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
29	Coates Bros	Chemicals,Plas	
30	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
31	Utd Scientific	Electricals	
32	Rugby Cement	Building,Roads	
33	Redfearn Glass	Industrials L-R	
34	Conder Grp	Building,Roads	
35	Wood (Arthur)	Industrials S-Z	
36	Sedgwick (aa)	Insurance	
37	Anchor Chemical	Chemicals,Plas	
38	Walker,Greenbank	Industrials S-Z	
39	Br Vita	Industrials A-D	
40	Sunlight Serv	Industrials S-Z	
41	Croda	Chemicals,Plas	
42	Lees (John J)	Foods	
43	AB Food (aa)	Foods	
44	Foseco-Minsep	Chemicals,Plas	

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BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
488	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	485	487	+2	14.5	3.0	18.5
966	728	Bass (aa)	956	958	+1	24.7	2.6	17.3
76½	56	Bellhaven	71	73		1.6	2.2	16.1
175	131	Beoblings	161	164		5.5	3.4	15.6
274	248	Brown (Alastair)	268	270	+2	20.9	7.8	10.2
173	136	Buckley	154	156	+1	6.5	4.2	12.3
228	141	Bulmer (H P)	180	182	+1	7.5	4.1	13.2
688	488	Burtonwood Brew	678	678	+1	15.4	2.1	24.1
355	240	Clark (Matthew)	330	332	+1	12.1	3.6	16.2
284	200	Devenish (J A)	268	270	+1	9.9	3.6	20.6
245	197	Greene King	238	240	+5	12.6	5.2	10.1
284	204	Guinness (aa)	278	280	+2	11.7	4.2	16.9
79	58	Hancocks & Harrisons	64	66		2.7	4.1	14.3
161	118	Highland Dist	157	159	+1	7.4	4.7	13.1
208	145	Invergordon Dist	198	200	+1	6.8	3.4	11.3
113	113	Irish Dist	113	113		5.5	4.9	
113	113	Matthew Thompson	113	113		3.5	3.1	18.4
317	270	Scottish Brew	317	317	-1	16.9	5.3	25.4
113	113	SA Brewhouse	113	113				
177	170	Scot & New (aa)	177	177		10.3	5.8	14.7
386	272	Vaux	386	386	-1	18.5	4.8	19.6
1372	1172	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	1372	1372		115.0	8.4	19.6
		Do 'B'	1172	1172		115.0	9.8	16.5
1372	1172	Whitbread Inv	1372	1372		115.0	8.4	16.5
1372	1172	Wolverhampton & D	1372	1372		70.0	5.1	16.5
374	274	Young 'A'	367	377	+1	11.4	3.1	25.6

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
298	193	Abbey	255	258	+3			
2??	202	Aberdeen Constr	235	238	-22	11.6	4.7	22.9
2??	2??	Amec	2??	2??	+4	17.1	5.0	17.4
52	28	Anglo Utd	45	48		2.2	4.5	23.4
2??	217	Arlcliffe	105	115	+1	2.5	2.1	25.8
2??	217	Bellway	287	289	+1	7.5	2.6	22.1
2??	2??	BPB Ind (aa)	2??	2??	-15	14.5	5.1	19.1
197	97	Bagnalls Brick	150	160		2.5	1.6	29.8
91	51	Bailey (Eric) Constr	44	47	-1	0.9	2.0	9.2
204	155	Barratt Devs	200	202	-1	11.9	5.9	16.9
2??	2??	Beazer	2??	2??	+10	11.9	4.1	14.5
2??	2??	Bellway	212	214	+2	10.7	5.0	11.3
134	98	Berkeley Gp	127	129	-3	4.6	3.6	26.9
2??	2??	Bett Bros	163	167		3.2	1.9	21.8
2??	2??	Blackburn	2??	2??	+2	22.9	7.1	22.6
2??	2??	Blue Circle	2??	2??	+12	25.0	4.9	17.1
2??	2??	Bovis	315	320	+2	14.1	4.4	17.1
137	127	Brandon & Cadogan Hld	137	139	+1	5.7	4.1	16.9
14?½	14?½	Brown & Jackson	14?½	14?½				
180	79	Bryant	95	97		3.1b	3.4	12.4
2??	2??	Bunzl & Hallam	15?½	17				1.8
2??	2??	Calderwood Robey	110	120	+7	4.7	4.1	16.9
2??	2??	Cameron-Robertson	2??	2??				
2??	2??	Carter Grp	2??	2??	+4	5.7	2.5	22.0
2??	2??	Costain	512	514	+12	25.0	4.9	9.5
2??	2??	Countryside	2??	2??	+17	8.1	1.4	18.8
2??	2??	Crouch (Derek)	2??	2??		8.5	2.6	25.7
2??	2??	Douglas (RM)	148	150		3.9b	2.6	25.7
2??	2??	Erith	171½	176½	+2	6.1	3.5	15.7
2??	2??	Fairclough	184	186	+7	7.1	3.8	14.6
2??	2??	Fitch	2??	2??	+1	5.7	2.5	22.1
		Do 'A'	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Fothergill Hldg	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Fraser Gp	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Gibbons	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Glenlivet	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Grantchester	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Hall (Matthew)	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Hall (Robert)	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Hall Engineering	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Hall Thermal	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Hanson	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Hawtin	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Heiton	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Higgs & Hill	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Higgs & Hill 8% Cnv	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Hillsdown	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Holland (Henry)	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Holt (Thomas)	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Hunting	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Ibstock Johnsen	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Ideal Standard	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Ind Signal & Control	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Jones Stroud	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Lagan	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Lec Refrigeration	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Lilley	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Linsley	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Lovell (Y J)	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Magnet & South	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Maple	2??	2??		5.7	2.5	22.1
2??	2??	Marley	154	156	+3	5.9	3.8	17.6
2??	2??	Mitchell (Gibbs)	2??	2??	+1	7.9	3.4	18.3
2??	2??	McAlpine (Alfred)	2??	2??	+1	8.1	4.1	11.8
2??	2??	McKay & S	2??	2??	+1	8.5	2.4	18.8
2??	2??	Meyer Int	351	353	+5	14.5	4.1	23.9
2??	2??	Miller (Stanley)	2??	2??	+1	5.8	3.1	20.9
2??	2??	Monkton (John)	2??	2??	+1	9.5	3.1	16.2
2??	2??	Mowlem	2??	2??	+1	11.4	2.9	22.4
2??	2??	Nottingham Brick	2??	2??		9.0	2.1	15.8
2??	2??	Pershimmon	2??	2??	+7	21.0	5.8	13.6
2??	2??	Phoenix Timber	2??	2??		2.1b	1.8	33.6
2??	2??	Pochins	2??	2??	+1	6.5	2.4	22.1
2??	2??	RMC Gp (aa)	2??	2??	+1	14.0	3.2	18.3
2??	2??	Rank Inv	2??	2??		1.4	1.0	48.3
2??	2??	Redland (aa)	2??	2??	+1	17.1	3.7	17.6
2??	2??	Ridgmont	2??	2??		10.0	4.3	14.7
2??	2??	Rugby Cement	2??	2??		10.0	4.3	14.7
2??	2??	Scottish Cnty Perlite	2??	2??		10.0	4.3	14.7
2??	2??	Shanks & Fisher	2??	2??		10.0	4.3	14.7
2??	2??	Smart (J)	2??	2??		10.0	4.3	14.7
2??	2??	Taylor Woodrow	2??	2??		10.0	4.3	14.7
2??	2??	Tilbury Group	2??	2??		10.0	4.3	14.7
2??	2??	Travis & Arnold	2??	2??		10.0	4.3	14.7
2??	2??	Tunnel	2??	2??		10.0	4.3	14.7
2??	2??	Wimpey	2??	2??		10.0	4.3	14.7
2??	2??	Wood Hall	2??	2??		10.0	4.3	14.7
2??	2??	Yorkshire Cntl	2??	2??		10.0	4.3	14.7

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. cvly Yld%	Gross Red. Yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
100⅝	98⅛	Treas 10% 1987	100	..	10.0	9.217
99⅝	97	Treas 3% 1987	99⅛	..	3.0	7.589
102⅝	95⅛	Treas 12% 1987	101⅛	..	11.8	8.693
99⅛	97⅛	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	99⅛	..	7.8	8.558
101⅛	98	Exch 10¾% 1988	101⅛	..	10.3	8.757
101⅛	99⅛	Treas 9½% 1988	101	+⅛	9.7	8.797
98⅛	93⅛	Treas 3% 1978-88	95⅝	..	3.1	8.857
101⅛	96	Treas 9¾% 1988	100⅝	+⅛	9.4	8.758
106⅛	101⅛	Treas 13½% 1988	105⅜	+⅛	11.0	8.760
103⅝	98⅛	Treas 10½% 1989	103⅛	+⅛	10.2	8.888
102⅝	97⅛	Exch 10% 1989	102⅝	+⅛	9.8	8.796
107⅝	100⅛	Exch 10½% 1989	106⅝	+⅛	9.8	7.586
105⅛	99⅛	Exch 11% 1989	104⅝	+⅛	10.5	8.822
94⅛	84⅛	Treas 5% 1986-89	90⅝	+⅛	5.5	8.729
101⅛	100⅛	Exch 9% 2002	100⅝	+⅛		8.953
110⅛	97⅛	Conv 10% 2002	109⅛	+⅛	10.0	9.145
121⅛	108⅛	Exch 12% 2002-06	120⅛	+⅛	10.0	9.145
105⅛	93⅛	Treas 9¼% 2002	104⅛	+⅛	9.1	8.922
110⅛	94⅛	Treas 10% 2003	109⅛	+⅛	9.2	8.984
126⅛	121⅛	Treas 13½% 2003-05	124⅝	+⅛	10.8	8.822
121	105	Treas 11¾% 2001-15	119⅛	+⅛	9.8	8.984
110⅛	97⅛	Treas 10% 2004	109⅛	+⅛	9.2	8.815
58⅝	51½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	56⅛	+⅛	6.2	8.815
105⅛	93⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	104⅛	+⅛	9.1	8.909
109⅝	93⅛	Exch 9¼% 2004-09	108⅝	+⅛	8.5	8.907
109⅝	93⅛	Exch 10¼% 2005	108⅝	+⅛	9.4	8.969
131⅛	116⅝	Treas 12½% 2005-09	130⅛	+⅛	9.6	8.770
89⅝	85⅝	Treas 8% 2005-09	89⅛	+⅛	8.9	8.821
94⅝	84⅛	Treas 8¾% 2006-11	93⅝	+⅛	9.3	8.969
125	110⅛	Treas 12¼% 2007-97	124⅛	+⅛	9.9	8.827
98⅛	86⅛	Treas 9½% 2007	97⅝	+⅛	9.7	8.827
149⅛	121⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	136⅝	+⅛	9.9	8.827
102⅝	89⅛	Treas 9% 2008	101⅝	+⅛	8.9	8.827
89⅝	79⅛	Treas 7¾% 2009-12	89⅛	+⅛	8.7	8.827
89⅝	78⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	89⅛	+⅛	8.7	8.827
153⅛	117⅜	Exch 12% 2013-17	131⅛	+⅛	9.2	8.827
UNDATED						
45	39⅝	Consols 2½%	44⅝	-⅛	5.6	
40½	34⅛	War Ln 3½%	39⅝	-⅛	8.8	
35⅝	29⅛	Treas 3½%	34⅝	-⅛	7.8	
33⅝	28⅛	Treas 3%	32⅝	-⅛	7.8	
29⅝	24⅛	Consols 2½%	27⅝	-⅛	9.0	
28⅝	24⅛	Treas 2½%	27⅝	-⅛	9.0	
INDEX-LINKED						
130	124⅝	Treas IL 2½%	1988	128	2.0	1.295
114⅝	109⅛	Treas IL 2½%	1992	113⅛	2.2	1.888
96⅝	89⅛	Treas IL 2½%	1996	95⅛	2.4	2.388
129⅛	117⅛	Treas IL 2½%	1985	124⅝	2.0	3.424
131⅛	100⅛	Treas IL2½%	2001	107⅝	2.0	3.650
129⅝	99⅛	Treas IL2½%	2003	105⅝	2.0	3.508
113	102⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2006	109⅝	2.0	3.445
127⅛	97⅛	Treas IL2½%	2009	103⅝	2.0	3.404
113⅛	102⅛	Treas IL2½%	2011	109⅝	2.1	3.366
96⅛	92⅛	Treas IL2½%	2013	91⅝	2.1	3.318
103⅝	92⅛	Treas IL2½%	2016	98⅝	2.1	3.295
101⅝	90⅛	Treas IL2½%	2020	96⅝	2.1	3.243
86⅝	80⅛	Treas IL2½%	2024	82⅝	2.1	3.243

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. cvly Yld%	Gross Red. Yld%
115⅛	107⅛	Treas 12¼% 1992	114⅝	..	11.1	8.837
105⅞	92⅝	Treas 10% 1992	104⅝	..	9.6	8.853
107⅝	99⅛	Treas C10¼% 1992	106⅛	..	9.6	8.897
115	100⅛	Exch 12¼% 1992	113⅝	..	10.8	8.938
120	106⅛	Exch 13¼% 1992	119⅛	..	11.2	8.925
109⅛	96⅝	Treas 10% 1993	108⅝	..	9.2	8.955
117⅝	103⅛	Treas 12¼% 1993	116⅝	..	10.7	8.965
93⅝	81⅛	Fund 9% 1992-96	92⅝	..	9.7	7.573
124	113⅝	Treas 13¾% 1993	122⅝	..	11.2	8.956
129⅛	113⅛	Treas 13¾% 1994	127⅝	..	11.4	8.951
119⅛	103⅛	Exch 12¼% 1994	118⅛	..	10.6	8.951
123⅝	113⅛	Exch 13¼% 1994	122⅝	..	11.0	8.966
102	91¼	Treas 9% 1994	101⅛	..	8.9	8.768
117⅝	106⅝	Treas 12% 1995	116⅝	..	10.3	8.950
89⅝	81⅝	Fund 8% 1990-95	85⅝	..	9.4	8.950
106⅝	97⅝	Exch 10¾% 1995	105⅝	..	9.5	8.955
122⅝	111⅛	Exch 13¾% 1995	121⅝	..	10.9	9.101
110⅝	99⅛	Exch 12¼% 1995	109⅝	..	10.9	8.914
101⅛	89⅛	Treas 9% 1992-96	100⅝	..	8.9	8.914
138⅛	125⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	136⅝	..	11.1	9.159
128⅝	114⅛	Exch 13¼% 1996	126⅝	..	10.6	9.095
88	80	Fund 9% 1996	87⅝	..	9.5	
107	96⅛	Exch 10¾% 1997	106⅝	..	9.4	9.016
127⅛	115⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	125⅝	..	10.5	9.135
110⅝	98	Exch 10¼% 1997	109⅝	..	9.8	9.053
98⅛	89⅛	Treas 9% 1997	97⅝	..	9.2	9.048
139⅛	125⅛	Exch 13¾% 1997	137⅝	..	10.0	9.048
85⅝	77⅛	Treas 6¼% 1995-98	85⅝	..	7.3	8.899
106	94⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	104⅝	..	9.3	8.899
145	128⅛	Treas 15¼% 1998	143	..	10.6	9.517
121⅛	106⅛	Exch 12% 1998	120⅛	..	10.0	9.169
105⅛	93⅛	Treas 9¾% 1998	104⅛	..	9.4	9.148
123⅝	108⅝	Exch 12¼% 1998	122⅝	..	10.0	9.148
111⅛	98⅝	Treas 10¾% 1998	110⅝	..	9.7	9.148
110⅛	97⅝	Conv 10¾% 1998	109⅝	..	9.4	9.073
139	123⅝	Treas 13% 2000	129	..	10.1	9.177
102⅝	89⅛	Conv 9% 2000	101⅝	..	8.9	8.899
109⅝	94⅛	Treas 10% 2001	108⅝	..	9.2	8.953
107⅞	92	Conv 9% 2001	106⅝	..	8.9	8.953
134	120⅜	Treas 14% 2001-07	132⅝	..	10.5	8.965

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. cvly Yld%	Gross Red. Yld%
101½	100⅝	Exch 9% 2002	100⅝	..		8.953
110⅛	97⅛	Conv 10% 2002	109⅛	..	10.0	9.145
121⅛	108⅛	Exch 12% 2002-06	120⅛	..	10.0	9.145
105⅝	93⅝	Treas 9¼% 2002	104⅛	..	9.1	8.922
110⅝	94⅝	Treas 10% 2003	109⅛	..	9.2	8.984
126⅝	121⅛	Treas 13½% 2003-05	124⅝	..	10.8	8.822
121	105	Treas 11¾% 2001-15	119⅛	..	9.8	8.984
110⅝	97⅝	Treas 10% 2004	109⅝	..	9.2	8.815
58⅝	51½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	56⅛	..	6.2	8.815
105⅝	93⅝	Conv 9½% 2004	104⅛	..	9.1	8.909
109⅝	93⅝	Exch 9¼% 2004-09	108⅝	..	8.5	8.907
109⅝	93⅝	Exch 10¼% 2005	108⅝	..	9.4	8.969
131⅛	116⅝	Treas 12½% 2005-09	130⅛	..	9.6	8.770
89⅝	85⅝	Treas 8% 2005-09	89⅛	..	8.9	8.821
94⅝	84⅛	Treas 8¾% 2006-11	93⅝	..	9.3	8.969
125	110⅛	Treas 12¼% 2007-97	124⅛	..	9.9	8.827
98⅛	86⅛	Treas 9½% 2007	97⅝	..	9.7	8.827
149⅛	121⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	136⅝	..	9.9	8.827
102⅝	89⅛	Treas 9% 2008	101⅝	..	8.9	8.827
89⅝	79⅛	Treas 7¾% 2009-12	89⅛	..	8.7	8.827
89⅝	78⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	89⅛	..	8.7	8.827
153⅛	117⅜	Exch 12% 2013-17	131⅛	..	9.2	8.827

UNDATED

45	39⅝	Consols 2½%	44⅝	-⅛	9.0	
40½	34⅛	War Ln 3½%	39⅝	-⅛	8.8	
35⅝	29⅛	Treas 3½%	34⅝	-⅛	7.8	
33⅝	28⅛	Treas 3%	32⅝	-⅛	7.8	
29⅝	24⅛	Consols 2½%	27⅝	-⅛	9.0	
28⅝	24⅛	Treas 2½%	27⅝	-⅛	9.0	

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130	124⅝	Treas IL 2½%	1988	128	2.0	1.295
114⅝	109⅛	Treas IL 2½%	1992	113⅛	2.2	1.888
96⅝	89⅛	Treas IL 2½%	1996	95⅛	2.4	2.388
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131⅛	100⅛	Treas IL2½%	2001	107⅝	2.0	3.650
129⅝	99⅛	Treas IL2½%	2003	105⅝	2.0	3.508
113	102⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2006	109⅝	2.0	3.445
127⅛	97⅛	Treas IL2½%	2009	103⅝	2.0	3.404
113⅛	102⅛	Treas IL2½%	2011	109⅝	2.1	3.366
96⅛	92⅛	Treas IL2½%	2013	91⅝	2.1	3.318
103⅝	92⅛	Treas IL2½%	2016	98⅝	2.1	3.295
101⅝	90⅛	Treas IL2½%	2020	96⅝	2.1	3.243
86⅝	80⅛	Treas IL2½%	2024	82⅝	2.1	3.243

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	230	Allied Irish	253	258	+6	9.0b	3.5	7.4
90½	84	Anglocher (Henry)	86	88		2.9	3.3	24.7
281	219	Aut New Z	239	243	-½	15.0	6.2	..
12½	7	Bankamerica						
256	193	Bank Of Ireland	236	243	+10	17.0	7.1	..
14	11½	Bank Of Leumi Israel	13	15		17.7	9.6	10.1
315	248	Bank Leumi (UK)	305	315		23.6	4.5	8.3
491	385	Bank Of Scotland	478	480	+2	34.4	4.1	16.4
88	66	Bank Of Wales	515	520	+2	30.0	5.8	5.8
573	484	Barclays (aa)	78	78	+2	23	2.9	27.8
91	45	Benchmark	560	575		13.9	2.4	24.5
580	563	Brown Shipley	100	146	+6	9.5	6.5	5.5
135	98	Cal Mortgage	130	140	+5	20.9	6.5	14.0
295	290	Cater Allen	295	295		19.0	6.4	
74	53	Charles	73	74		3.9	5.3	
27½	21¼	Chase Manhattan	27½	27½		2.6	9.5	
51	30½	Citicorp	31	32				
111½	85	Commerzbank	216	220		2.0	1.3	30.2
34½	29½	Deutsche Bank	32	33		1.3	4.1	11.2
260	200	Equity & Law	260	265		21.1	3.4	
110½	98	First Nat Finance	104	106		10.6b	4.9	9.8
292	252	Gerrard Nat	278	282		34	3.2	16.3
521	385	Guinness Peat	504	508		33	5.5	9.8
75	55	Hambros	70	72		16.2	3.3	23.3
553	473	Hill Samuel	184	185	+1½	12.5	6.7	15.9
134	104	Ind Suez	475	485	+20	20.0	4.2	8.9
543	451	Kleinwort Benson	347	350	+1	23.0	6.6	15.1
540	445	Lloyds (aa)	127	128		4.3	3.1	12.3
90	75	Lon Scot						
347	347	Mercury Int	127	128		4.3	3.1	12.3
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CREDIT CARDS **FOCUS** A SPECIAL REPORT

Britain's love affair with plastic money

This country is the biggest user of credit cards in Europe, with more than 22 million in daily use — and the promise of lower interest could mean even greater spending

The British are addicted to plastic money. The number of credit and charge cards in issue in this country dwarfs that of any other country in Europe and the market is not yet saturated.

Barclaycard, the largest single issuer in Britain, gave out 765,000 new cards last year.

Figures compiled by Visa, one of the credit-card systems which, along with Mastercard/Access dominates the UK market, show how far ahead Britain is.

There is a total of 22.6 million credit and charge cards in this country compared with a mere 6.9 million in France.

The British addiction to plastic owes much to the way our cash payments system has developed. West Germany, for instance, has invested heavily in the Eurocheque system. But it also owes much to the efficiency of the High Street banks in selling the product.

Barclaycard was launched in 1966 and it took the public and the other banks a little time to grasp the potential of the new payment method. Since then the banks have rediscovered how profitable consumer finance can be and have been enthusiastic promoters.

Martin Rutland, the media services manager for Access, says: "It is amazing how far credit cards have come since the early days. To begin with, they were an alternative form of credit. Now they are simply another method of payment. People used them as a shopping aid in supermarkets and petrol stations. Now they use cards to pay for anything from the electricity bill to the TV licence."

As the number of cards on issue grew, the biggest headache for the issuers was fraud. Losses rose to millions of pounds, but the big companies now claim to have it under control.

"Fraud is not a problem," says Mr Rutland. That said, Access and Visa lost about £8 million each from fraud last year, but the figure has remained at that level for the last three years despite the rising number of cards on issue.

The companies have used technology to help, in the form of holograms and other devices on the cards. But good old-fashioned rewards to sharp-eyed sales assistants has been just as effective.

Last year Access paid out £1.5 million in rewards and recovered 30,000 stolen cards.

The spectre of mounting bad debts and delinquency in payments by customers has, however, recently replaced fraud as the hot topic. Again, the big companies insist that there is no problem. "The rate of bad debt has gone up a bit over the years, but not significantly," says Seymour Fortesque, a director of Barclaycard. "Out of 8 million Barclaycard holders, only about one per cent have long-term repayment problems."

Bad debt is up, but not significantly

The increasingly easy access to credit by the public has caused the authorities, from the Government and the Bank of England to consumer groups, to call for more caution from lenders.

The card companies say they are already cautious. "We take the business of creditworthiness very seriously," says Mr Fortesque. "We decline one in every three card applications, and we do not increase people's credit limits as easily as we used to."

The Visa card group, which includes Barclaycard, TSB Trustcard, National Girobank and the Co-Operative Bank, are close to agreeing on a common code of practice. The aim is to prevent cards being issued to inappropriate customers, and the code should become operational within the next few months.

But the big companies blame the smaller card issuers, such as store groups, for giving credit cards a bad name. The big companies operate relatively sophisticated credit-scoring techniques, but some smaller companies have no check on customer creditworthiness.

Michael Davidson



"Some stores offer their cards on the back of our credit-scoring," said Mr Rutland. "If an applicant for a store card already has a Visa or Access card, the store goes ahead and gives him one of their own. That is irresponsible, and not the way to go about issuing credit cards."

There are plans to set up a central credit checking agency, where people's total indebtedness may be kept on record, to make credit assessment easier.

The most notable newcomer to the market has been Marks & Spencer, which has issued more than one million cards in less than two years. The cards can still only be used in M & S outlets where no other credit cards are accepted, but their use may eventually be extended.

Unusually for a store card operator, M & S also intends to take over the processing of the card, which is now handled by the Bank of Scotland.

As well as operating a credit scoring system similar to Access and Barclaycard, M & S charges much the same rate of interest on its card. This contrasts strongly with the exorbitantly high annual percentage rates, often over 30 per cent, charged on many store cards. This type of credit does not tend to be price sensitive and so offers high profits, which is why some building societies are now eyeing the possibilities.

The Abbey National has already applied for membership of the Visa card group. There is some discussion as to whether it is eligible because the group was established for banks, and a society does not necessarily qualify on all counts.

But the likelihood is that its application will be successful.

The signs are that the market itself is becoming increasingly competitive as the scope for expansion declines. "Barclaycard has already captured 80 per cent of Barclays Bank customers, so our efforts are now towards attracting the customers of other banks," says Mr Fortesque. And other bank customers are already well served by Access and other cards.

Few card operators believe the British will carry as many different cards around with them as the Americans do. One or two cards per user appears to be the norm.

The card companies are already adding on a host of extras to attract customers, from free travel insurance to the ability to buy railway tickets by card from special machines. This, however, is unlikely to lead to the "Smartcard" pioneered in France for some years. This contains detailed financial information about the cardholder on a microchip embedded in the plastic. As a result, it can be used for a wide range of functions. The Americans and the Japanese have also begun experimenting with these.

'Smartcards' cost much more to produce

Yet their technical sophistication makes them much more expensive to produce: a Smartcard costs £2 to manufacture compared with 11p for a conventional card.

Additionally, the main credit-card companies worldwide have invested heavily in the familiar magnetic stripe technology. All experiments to extend the use of cards is based on this technology.

Machines placed in retail outlets which transmit details of a card purchase direct to the cardholder's account electronically, without the need for paperwork, identify the card by its magnetic strips. Experiments with debit cards, which will debit a customer's bank account like a cheque, are also based on the magnetic stripe.

> 'The easy access to credit cards is now a matter of concern'

So far, credit and charge cards have done a great deal to cut down the huge burden of cheque clearing carried out by the banks. The trend is now to cut down the amount of paperwork generated by the cards themselves by introducing machines to do the business electronically. (Last year Access alone handled 312 million card vouchers).

This process was helped by the agreement last month between Access and Barclaycard to link their new machines at retail outlets so that either card could be used. American Express will link into the system later this year.

There is also a scheme for a nationwide electronic system being promoted by EFTPOS Ltd, a joint company set up by the 12 clearing banks. The scheme envisages a degree of competition between rival card operators, leading to several individual experiments in Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale. Barclays, Midland and NatWest all have pilot schemes running in various parts of the country.

If all goes smoothly, possibly a large assumption, a nationwide electronic shopping system should emerge in several years' time.

The TSB has recently announced a new home banking initiative using the telephone as the electronic link.

The age of the Smartcard may still be a decade or more away in this country. But until then, the British will not be short of a way in which to use its credit cards.

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To the shops, without cash

A paper pile that makes the EEC's meat mountain seem like a molehill in comparison is about to be conquered by the new era of electronic shopping.

Last year 312 million sales and payment vouchers were processed by Access alone after transactions by its 10 million credit-card holders.

The total volume of paperwork involved in shops and banks can only be imagined when one takes a further nine million Barclaycard and nearly three million Trustcard holders into account. With almost 30 million credit cards in circulation in the UK by the end of 1986, the lure of a computerized credit-payment system became overwhelming.

A big step towards this goal of instant cashless shopping was taken on March 23, when Access and Barclaycard announced they would share electronic-payment terminals being installed in shops and businesses around the country.

More than 300 such terminals have already been installed by each company in a pilot project enabling teething problems to be sorted out before a truly national system is set up, which is likely to involve American Express, too, after the US giant agreed to join Barclaycard in the venture and opened negotiations with Access.

Reciprocity between the two market leaders is likely to spur national installation and public acceptance of the system, as is recognized by Mike Blackburn, head of Access. He said: "It should pave the way for an agreement which will allow all major credit, charge and even store cards to use the terminals."

Much fine detail remains to be worked out, developing the technology of the systems and thrashing out individual costing arrangements between different users.

The technological advance represented by the system will enable retailers and banks to keep pace with the burgeoning growth in credit business and free human resources from the mundane task of counting the ubiquitous yellow-and-white slips.

The technology involved is based on the magnetic stripe used on automatic cash withdrawal cards. So-called smart cards — essentially microcomputers that give the customer access to a range of services currently associated with information technology — have also been developed, but are unlikely to be implemented in Britain for some time.

Portable information units, which have to be activated by punching in a personal identification number (PIN), smart cards have almost unlimited possibilities. In France, where the smart card was developed, the National Telecommunications authority has already started to install pay telephones which accept them.

By the end of the decade, 100,000 such phones are expected to be in service while other applications are being developed , for example for paying motorway tolls.

GEC has also announced the successful development of a smart card in Britain, which is claimed to improve on the French and Japanese designs by being sensitive enough to receive instructions through a 20-millimetre screen protecting the main unit.The advanced capabilities of these smart cards are undoubtedly impressive but the British financial world appears to consider many of their functions slightly peripheral to the main task: cashless shopping.

According to Martin Rutland, the media service manager for Access' Corporate Communications division, the magnetic stripe card performs this task more than adequately.

A customer settling a bill with the electronic-payment credit card allows it to be swiped through a special unit manufactured by top electronic companies such as Racal. The shop assistant will then enter the right amount on the keyboard and details of the transaction will be printed out.

The customer signs the receipt to validate the signature on the card and the transaction is punched through, transmitted on British Telecom lines to the card company's computer system.

An authorization number is then printed on the receipt and after the sales information has been received by the computer, the retailer's bank account is credited and the card-holder's credit debited.

The same principle lies at the heart of EFTPOS (electronic funds transfer at the point of sale), being drawn up by the 12 clearing banks under the auspices of EFTPOS UK Ltd.Many of the same benefits — faster service for the retailer, improved security for the bank and more convenient shopping for the consumer, for example — are envisaged for both systems.

The experience of Access and Barclaycard with their cashless shopping systems will be carefully monitored, according to a spokesman for EFTPOS UK, but integration is not envisaged. Credit business and direct debiting from actual bank accounts are different concepts with different ground rules.

Test cells for EFTPOS are expected to be installed in London later this year and letters of intent have already been placed with the initial suppliers, IBM and CAP.

An inaugural service able to handle about 2,000 terminals will then be set up at key stores in Southampton, Leeds and Edinburgh, locations chosen because each has a definable local population of about half a million people.

Dick Allen, chairman of EFTPOS UK, said however that the emphasis is on evolution, not revolution. After the security, technology and acceptability of the system has been tested by the inaugural service, a "national roll-out" will ensue.

He added: "The option will exist for members to grow by devolving from the central system and thus to develop and market the retailer processing services individually while remaining within the regulations of the National scheme.

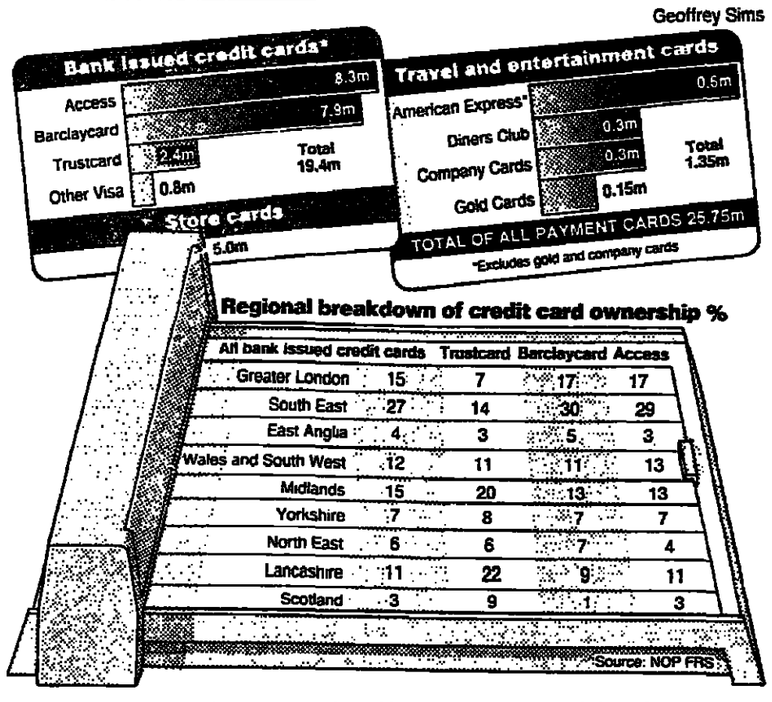
Mr Allen has stressed that the inaugural service will have to be fully tested before the ball is set rolling nationally, which is unlikely to occur before 1989.So many aspects of the system, from card technology to consumer expectations, remain in flux that EFTPOS has to be very flexible, he said.

But in 10 years' time an estimated 250,000 electronic funds transfer terminals throughout the UK would be handling up to 10 million transactions a day.

"If you doubt these figures," said Mr Allen, "just consider the way in which the use of cash dispensers has taken off against the rather gloomy forecasts."

Guy Ker

Geoffrey Sims



	All bank issued credit cards	Trustcard	Barclaycard	Access
Greater London	15	7	17	17
South East	27	14	30	29
East Anglia	4	3	5	3
Wales and South West	12	11	11	13
Midlands	15	20	13	13
Yorkshire	7	8	7	7
North East	6	6	7	4
Lancashire	11	22	9	11
Scotland	3	9	1	3

First check the interest charges

The public often behaves as if there were no differences among credit cards. The feeling seems to be that every piece of plastic is exactly the same as the next. This is not only wrong, but can be a costly mistake to make.

There are, it is true, more similarities between Access and Barclaycard than differences. They are both accepted at 250,000 to 300,000 outlets in Britain and over five million abroad. Their repayment systems work the same way and they charge almost identical rates of interest — currently an annual percentage rate of 26.82 per cent.

Midland Bank (a member of the Access group) is reducing its APR on credit card accounts to 23.1 per cent from June 1.

But competition does not take place on price because consumers do not respond to lower interest rates. So competition occurs on the add-on extras. Barclaycard is probably rightly ahead of the field with these at present. It is a cheque card as well as a credit and cash card, unlike Access.

Barclaycard's add-ons at least match the best of the extras.

There is the Masterloan scheme, offering personal loans up to 60 months between £300 and £7,500 at an APR of 19.7 per cent. Like personal loan schemes linked to other cards, the interest rate compares reasonably with loans from your bank — you do not have to go for an interview with the credit-card loan. There are travel aids such as discounts on holidays from tour operators, travel vouchers which enable customers to pre-pay part of their holiday and a travellers cheque service. Barclays is so far unique in offering the Pinpoint service which enables you to buy petrol or train tickets from certain petrol and railway stations by using your card in a machine which automatically debits your account and sells you the goods.

Access is unlikely to be far behind in these experiments, however.

Both card companies are now moving into the electronic data processing in stores which cuts out the need for paper vouchers.

Another selling point is the prestige card for richer customers. The American Express Gold card is probably the best known of these.

Add-ons aside, the element users should look at most closely is the interest charge. Customers do not do this often enough.

The difference between the two big card companies and many smaller "store cards" can be enormous.

Debenham's card, one of the first and most successful store cards, charges an amazing 34.4 per cent APR. If you pay by direct debit it drops to 29.8 per cent — still well above what the big companies charge.

The Storehouse group, including Mothercare and Habitat, operates a card of its own as does Fenwick, Harrods, Marks & Spencer, Laura Ashley and even Renault, the car manufacturer. They are almost always far more expensive than Access or Barclaycard and their use is much more restricted, usually only to stores of the single retailing group.

It is not easy to see why store cards are so popular, except that they are generally a source of fairly easy credit. Most stores will give you credit as soon as you ask. It is a temptation too great for many shoppers to resist, but there is a danger of overextending yourself.

When using a credit card it is often better to ask whether would it be better to use a bank loan instead. Credit-card companies usually argue that though their interest rates look higher than an ordinary bank loan, they are not really higher. Barclaycard claims that once you take the first interest-free month into account and the shorter time period over which credit-card debts are usually paid off, the APR drops from more than 26 per cent to around 19 per cent.

It is a complex and imprecise calculation and the best advice is to think carefully what you need the money for before borrowing.

Longer-term loans — over a year, say — are probably most cheaply done through conventional bank loans. Shorter-term credit costs little more by credit card and you have more flexibility and convenience with a card. A charge card, where the user is required to repay the debit balance within a month, is another alternative as very short-term credit. The cost of the card is an upfront fee paid when the card is issued, so value for money depends to anextent on the amount you use it. But for people with strong self-control, a cheaper method is still to use an ordinary credit card. If you repay at the end of each month, you are charged no interest, as on a charge card, but there is no fee either. In fact, some 40 per cent of credit-card holders use their cards much like this, which may explain why charge cards like American Express and Diners Club have attracted only around two million customers in this country.

The danger of becoming over-extended and being unable to pay off a credit-card balance is something that card-holders must always watch.

Most card companies operate credit-scoring techniques based on your age, income, profession and even address. But users can still get into trouble, particularly if a change in circumstance affects their income.

Card companies claim to be sympathetic. They will often write to the customer and try to find out what the problem is. If it appears to be a temporary hiccup, they may waive repayments for a few months. But card companies cannot afford to acquire the reputation of being soft touches.Fortunately it is still a relatively rare occurrence. Last year, Access and Barclaycard had difficulties with about one per cent of their card-holders.

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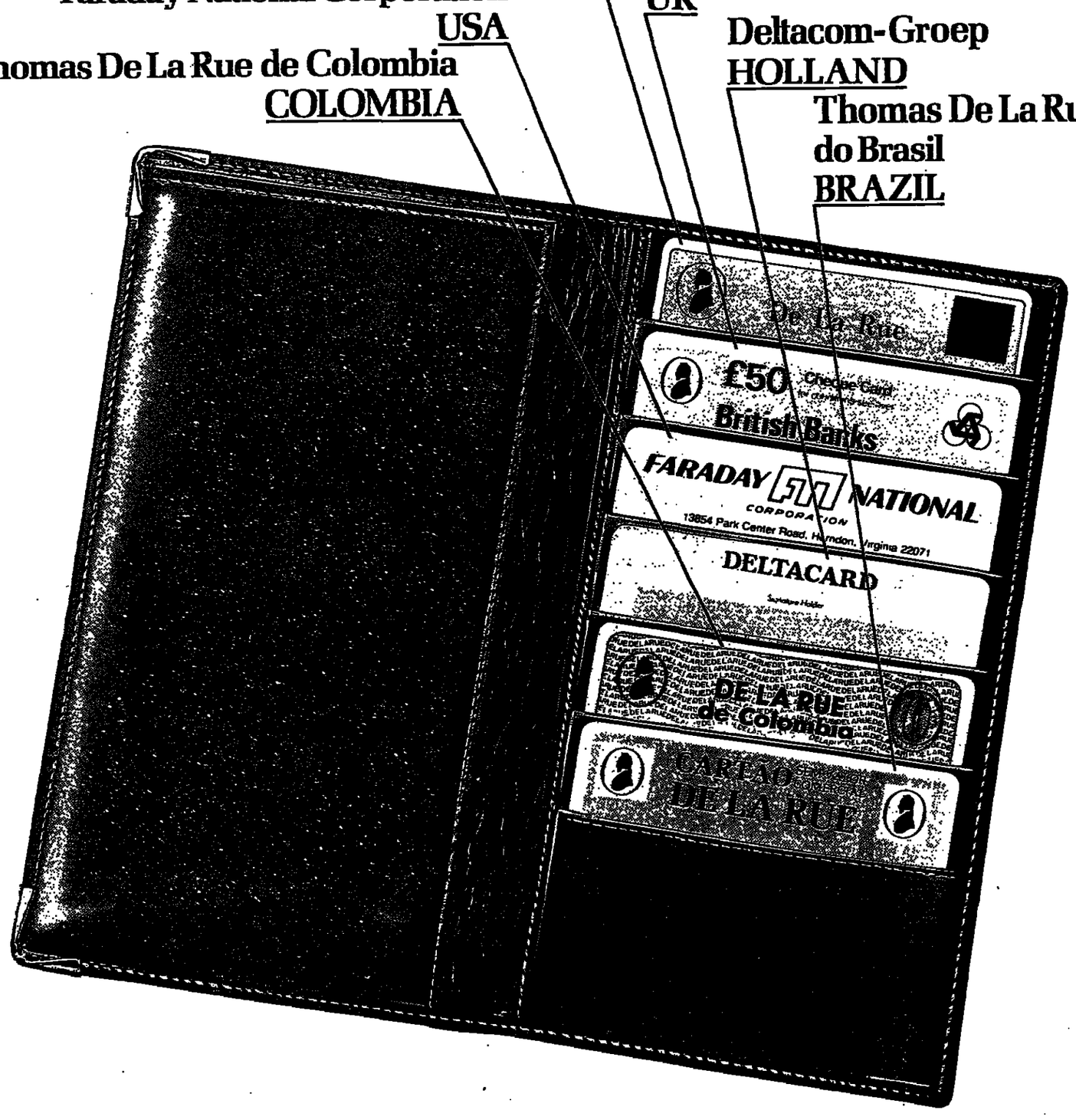
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Every month, a Great Train Robbery

Fraud last year cost Access and Barclaycard more than £15 million between them in the UK alone.

That may not sound much in the context of 19 million credit cards in circulation — fewer than £1 a card a year — but there is no room for complacency in the continuing battle of wits with the fraudsters.

Barclaycard's fraud losses were down from 21p in every £100 in 1984 to 14p in every £100 last year. Even so, John McCarthy, head of fraud prevention at Barclaycard, says that "complacency is not in our vocabulary".

Credit-card companies are coy about giving away too much detailed information about the extent of fraud, but Barclaycard investigators were particularly successful in breaking up five well-organized fraud groups last year, leading to arrests.

The groups were operating largely in the London area and were causing fraud losses with the use of stolen cards at the rate of between £3,000 and £5,000 a day during the height of their operations.

There was also a massive clampdown on Barclaycard fraud at garages last year, involving no fewer than 15,000 visits by fraud controllers, and greater co-operation from garage staff. The result of this concerted effort, say Barclaycard, was a reduction of garage fraud from 12 per cent to 8 per cent of total fraud losses.

Nor are the problems confined to these shores. Barclaycard says it scored heavily in 1986 by reducing foreign losses. This was achieved through increased co-operation with other Visa issuers in Europe, which resulted in tackling fraud in problem countries such as Italy, Spain and France.

Outside Europe, the Far East still gives Barclaycard cause for concern. And not just for the obvious reasons. In Japan, for example, few transactions are queried simply because the sales assistant

Crackdown on fraud

would not risk the "loss of face" caused to the cardholder if the transaction were declined as a result of an authorization call.

Several ingredients are necessary for a successful crackdown on fraud, but the single most important one is the co-operation of retailers and the alertness of their staff.

Every so often Access will inform retailers of a random zero limit level. This means that, for example, a camera retailer's limit of £100, below which staff are not required to get telephone authorization before completing a sale, is suspended. Equally, the £50 limit found in many off-licences may be temporarily reduced to nil.

Tactics such as this are commonplace, especially in the high-spending pre-Christmas period. The incentive for sales assistants, and one which more than compensates for their inconvenience, is a £50 reward for every lost or stolen card recovered. In 1986 Access paid out £1.5 million in rewards to recover 30,000 cards in this way, leading to more than 3,500 arrests.

But despite the high risks for credit-card fraudsters, their ingenuity seems as unlimited as their sheer cheek is breathtaking.







● To catch a thief: Fraud cost two credit card companies £15 million last year. Garages and West End stores are high on the list, and abroad, Japan is causing concern because sales assistants will not risk "loss of face" to suspect card holders

The mock bandaged hand which provides the excuse for a poor facsimile signature is enough to put most sales assistants on alert. The same goes for "Mrs Smith" who is not wearing a wedding ring.

And it is not only the lone handbag-snatchers and car-park prowlers who use cards for a few quick purchases, then throw them away before the plastic becomes "hot" and often before the owner even realizes they are missing. There are the organized criminals working in groups, with a network of thieves to steal the cards and other teams who are the "buyers".

There are many instances of cards being stolen systematically in the West End in the morning and being used in shopping centres as far away as Norwich that same afternoon. To add insult to injury, the thieves also use the stolen cards to fill up with petrol for the journeys.

Apart from paying out financial rewards to vigilant retail staff, the credit-card companies wage the fraud war on several other fronts.

WHERE THE MONEY WENT

	Visa %	Access %
Petrol	18	18
Other motoring expenses	5	4
Clothing and footwear	13	13
Travel and holidays	12	12
Electrical goods and cameras	11	11
DIY and home improvements	6	7
Furniture and furnishings	7	9
Business expenses	6	4
Food and groceries	5	7
Entertainment and leisure	4	4

Source: AGB Index, 1985

Mike Blackburn, chief executive of Access, cites close co-operation between card organizations and the police, with anti-theft groups in many towns being run either by the police or the local chamber of commerce.

Similarly, the Association for the Prevention of Theft in Shops provides a forum for discussion on retail theft and keeps in contact with retail security personnel.

More specifically, Access has produced a training film designed to increase sales assistants' awareness of the sort of tricks used by credit-card thieves. Access has tightened up its system for identifying which areas and retail outlets are fraud targets.

One ploy which has been successfully contained by the credit-card companies is counterfeiting. The use of a hologram which requires sophisticated laser-printing techniques for reproduction on plastic cards has kept this form of credit-card crime at bay.

DataCard, which claims to be the world's largest manufacturer of plastic cards and

A store of information

card systems, has recently developed a new system which pre-prints the holder's personal details, including photograph and signature as a means of helping eliminate fraud in the card market.

But no one is in any doubt that credit-card fraud is a never-ending cat-and-mouse game.

So-called "smart" cards, which have yet to be used in the UK but which have undergone trials in the US and France, may prove a big weapon in the fraud fight because the card-holder will have to verify a store of personal information before completing a transaction.

Other developments being toyed with include a sophisticated form of signature verification, lip prints and eyeball scans.

If that all sounds too fanciful, remember that in the UK in 1986 all issuers of plastic cards — the credit and charge card companies, banks, building societies and issuers of store cards — suffered losses which, even allowing for inflation, are estimated by Mike Blackburn to be the equivalent of the Great Train Robbery every month.

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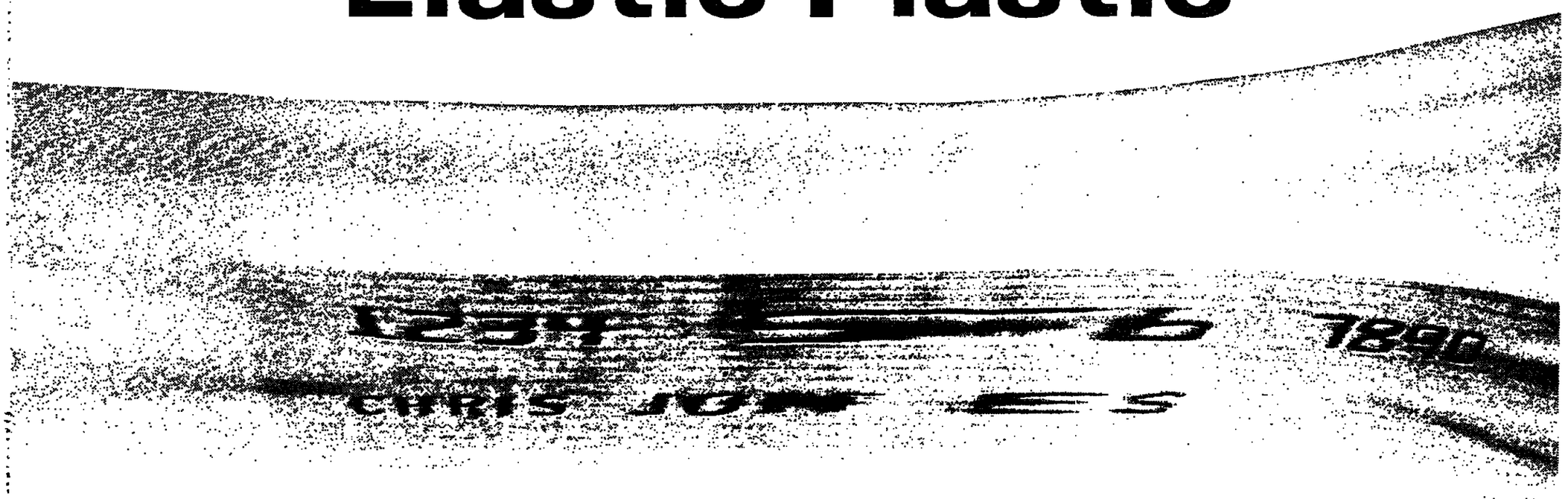
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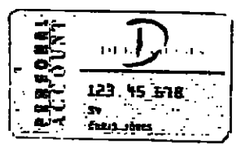
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Giving credit to foreign travel

The growth in foreign travel for business and holiday has increased the use of credit cards. After the introduction of travellers cheques in 1891, plastic money has been the most dramatic development in facilitating currency transactions.

Yet the full advantages of using credit cards overseas are still not fully appreciated. Unlike foreign banknotes, and to a lesser extent travellers' cheques, there is no need to order a credit card facility before travelling. It is immediately available, and the commission costs, even with sterling travellers' cheques of 1 per cent, are avoided.

The detailed statement of each credit card transaction is a boom to the business people, helping to keep an accurate account of expenses.

The credit period can extend to several months, depending on the speed of the overseas outlet submitting the transaction details to its bank.

Since the final cumulative invoice is converted into sterling, payment is easier and no loss is involved by converting possibly several currencies.

Despite these advantages, a survey by American Express has shown that 82 per cent of companies fund business travel with cash. This is both dangerous in the event of loss,

Seven million foreign deals a year

since travel insurance normally places low limits on cash theft, and is expensive in cash flow.

In the 1985 survey, 460 British companies said they spent a total of £17.4 billion on travel and entertainment and that at any one time they have £780 million advanced in cash for executives to travel abroad — a loss of at least £140 million in potential interest.

Barclaycard, which celebrates its 21st birthday next month, has some seven million transactions outside the UK a year, but does not maintain an analysis of the number of cardholders who use their cards abroad.

Visa is certainly widely recognized on a global basis with 111.95 million cardholders worldwide in 1984, 132.4 million in 1985 and 145.4 million last year. There has also been a dramatic growth in the number of Visa outlets worldwide: up from 4.08 million three years ago to 4.71 million in 1985 and more than 5.29 million last year.

Access, operated by the Joint Credit Card Company, based at Southend-on-Sea, Essex, has more than 10 million cardholders and is the UK's leading credit card. The cards can be used at more than 5.4 million outlets in 170 countries. It has reciprocal agreements with Eurocard and MasterCard, which means that Access can be used at any retail outlet which displays either of these other two signs.

Diners Club International issues more than 5 million cards and has negotiated their use in some 900,000 outlets worldwide. Controlled by the American-based Citicorp of New York, Diners Club has emergency cash facilities in more than 3,300 outlets.

The wide acceptance of credit cards goes further than travellers' cheques which may be restricted, depending on the issuing body. For example, even China and the Soviet Union accept credit card transactions.

American Express, with more than 22.2 million card users worldwide, have over a million cardholders in the UK.

No special costs arise for the British user of a credit card overseas, though it is usual to impose a handling charge for local cash advances. For example, the rate agreed by Barclaycard for Visa users is 1.5 per cent for using this service.

Normally no interest is paid on credit-card accounts in credit and few holders operate them like this, but if a visit abroad means that the credit limit may be exceeded, a temporary facility can be granted for an increase.

Visa finds that 42 per cent of active cardholders pay off their account balance each month and therefore pay no interest.

Access have 1.8 million cardholders who used their credit card abroad last year.

It is interesting to see the monthly breakdown in expenditure abroad: January £15 million, February £9 million, March £12 million, April £21 million, May £18 million, June £22 million, July £25 million, August £31 million, September £34 million, October £30 million, November £23 million, and December £21 million. This outlay was on 4.6 million transactions amount to a total £261 million.

There is sometimes misunderstanding about the date used for converting exchange rates into sterling. From April 1, Visa has converted overseas transactions at mid-point rate of exchange and normally transactions are paid into a local bank within three days.

Conal Gregory



Store draws: the ever-widening spread of account cards reaching through the High Street

A sales drive for young spenders

Between 1981 and 1985, according to the latest available figures from a market researcher, Mintel*, the UK's 3.5 million store-card holders virtually doubled to six million. Today, the best retail estimates put store cards at eight to 10 million.

Store cards differ in several important respects from the accepted credit or chargecards like Barclaycard or American Express.

First, and most important to the retailer, the card can only be used for purchases within a store or group of stores. As a financial product store cards have to be classified as option accounts although many retailers call them charge cards.

A customer has the *option* to clear money owed for purchases made at the end of each month, avoiding interest payments, or making a minimum payment and paying interest. The rate for most store cards is an APR of 29.8 per cent, 31.4 per cent, 32.9 per cent or as high as 34.5 per cent on budget account instalments paid monthly by cash payment rather than bank direct debit.

This compares to the 26.8 per cent APR charged on outstanding balances by

Service to customers

Barclaycard and Access

It is expected that the Midland Bank's decision to reduce its charge on credit card accounts to an APR of 23.1 per cent from June 1 will bring about similar cuts by other card companies, but no store card operator would confirm this yesterday. Burton Group and John Lewis firmly stated "no change". Midland is a member of the Access card group.

Budget accounts, primarily marketed at 18 to 25 year-olds by high-street young-fashion chains, offer a relatively low credit limit for a regular monthly payment of a set sum.

John Lewis Partnership department stores charge a modest 21.6 per cent APR on outstanding balances on option accounts significantly below the rates elsewhere. "We look on it just as a service to our customers", said a spokesman, "as we do not accept any other credit or chargecards."

Marks & Spencer also accept no other cards except their own Marks & Spencer chargecard, successfully launched in April 1985. It went from nothing to 1.2 million immediately and the stores group now has 1.4 million card-holders with card purchases representing 12 per cent of Marks & Spencer gross sales.

To the retailer, store cards are infinitely better business than taking leading credit cards. A credit company could charge a retailer 1.5 per cent on a £50 transaction.

John Bouffler, marketing controller of Sears Financial Services Ltd, with 300,000 Sears card holders, says: "Today's storecard is primarily a marketing tool. It increases customer loyalty and increases the spend. It gives us a database of committed customers. Card-holders are made to feel special privileged customers."

Michael Bliss, chief executive of Fraser Financial Services Ltd., masterminds the House of Fraser storecard operation and also serves as Chairman of the Credit Card Group of the Finance Houses Association. He said: "The last five years have seen massive expansion. In the UK bankcards developed first and were already well-established when stores started to develop their own cards based on the bank cards."

House of Fraser, according to Mr Bliss, sees the group's 1.6 million Frasercards as the major communications vehicle between the company and its best customers. He added: "We want our account customers to feel VIPs, that they're part of the club."

That means special offers, sale preview evenings, privileged customer invitations, cheque cashing up to £50 at no extra charge.

Research shows that once an eligible customer has taken out one storecard they are unlikely to bother getting another one.

"All the major retail groups are trying to build a captive customer base", explained Mr Bliss.

Storecard customers visit the store more often, spend more while they are there and buy two to three times as much as cash customers.

"The vast majority of customers are interest-rate insensitive", Mr Bliss pointed out. "They only look at the monthly payment figures in pounds and pence."

Chris Chadwick, marketing and sales director, Card Services for the Burton Group, claims 1.5 million Debenhams card holders and another 1 million Personal Account cards used in other Burton Group stores like Dorothy Perkins, Top Man, Top Shop and Principles.

This month the cards are

Looking for better bargains

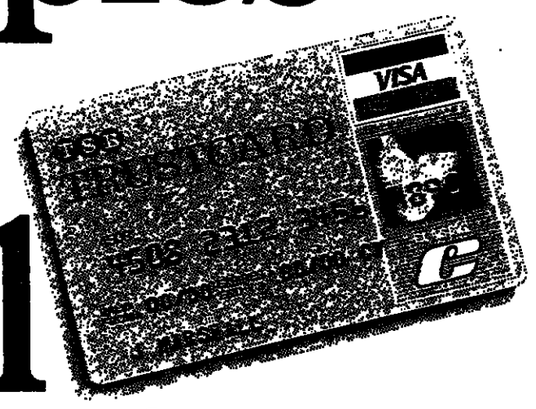
being relaunched with some hard sell promotions, all aimed at building customer loyalty. The "Debenhams Deal-Out" will present card customers with £10 worth of discount vouchers for every £100 spent in the store

Mr Chadwick sees a potential five million storecard customers ahead for Burton Group alone. "We're a more plastic-oriented society", he said. "People are getting smarter and looking for better bargains. That's why we're now offering our card-holders tangible hard-nosed benefits."

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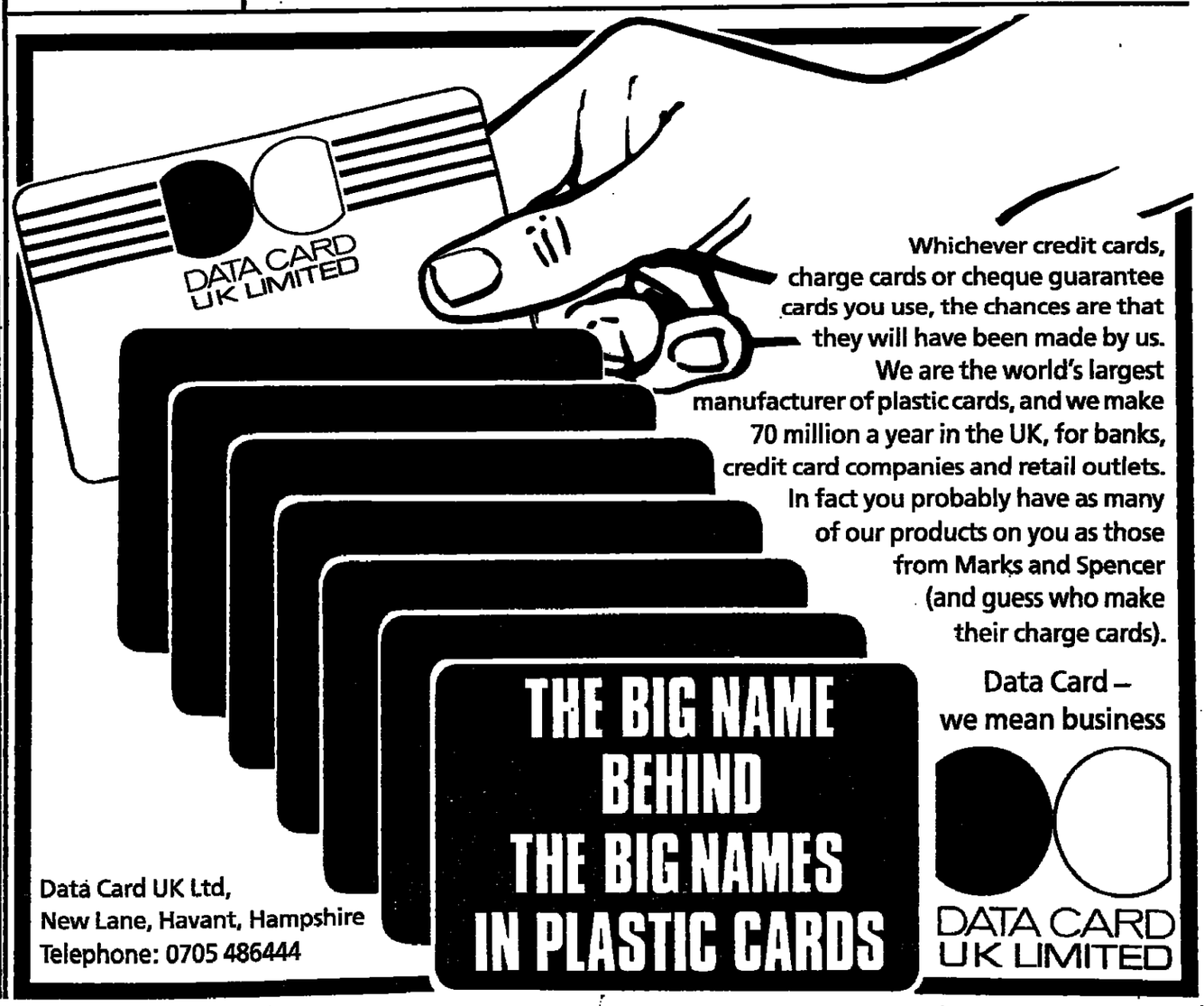
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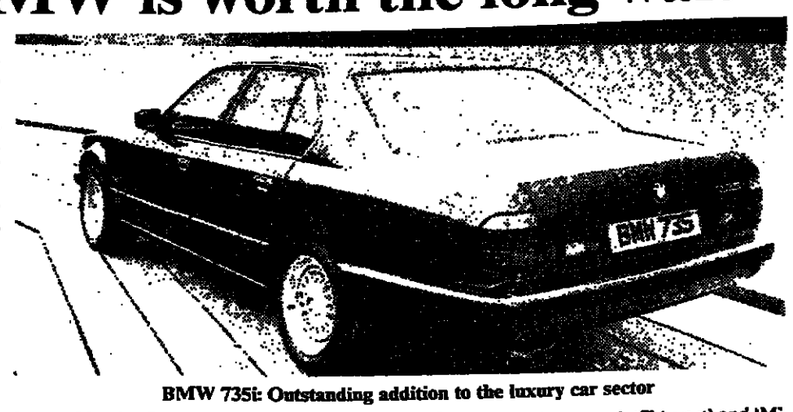
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Motoring by Clifford Webb

New BMW is worth the long wait



BMW 735i: Outstanding addition to the luxury car sector

BMW insist that the 8-month delay being quoted for delivery of its new 7 Series saloon is due to the cautious production build up necessary for all new models and in particular for one featuring so much advanced technology. Whatever the cause, the resulting shortage has created a thriving black market with 735s changing hands at thousands of pounds over the list price.

Now that I have lived with a 735i SE (special equipment) for a week, I can assure readers that this is such an outstanding addition to the luxury car sector that it will continue to be in short supply for a long time yet.

The question that cropped up regularly while the car was in my hands was "how does it compare with the new Jaguar?" The answer is that these are two very different cars. The first difference is the price. The standard 735i automatic costs £25,850 but fitted with the Special Equipment package of extras including air conditioning, cruise control, alloy wheels and Michelin TRX tyres and leather upholstery, that goes up to £31,750 compared with £26,000 for the top-of-the-range Jaguar Sovereign 3.6.

On the road the BMW has a crisper, more sporty feel and has clearly been set up to please the keen driver. However, the firmer suspension does not iron out low speed bumps like the Coventry car. Its overall ride comfort and noisey tyres fall short of Jaguar's class leading standards.

BMW is aware of this tyre noise which seems to result from the very low aspect ratio Michelins fitted. I understand that some of the less powerful three litre 730s which go on sale here on May 10 (starting price £19,850) will be fitted with higher aspect ratio Continental tyres which should be quieter.

Vital statistics
Model: BMW 7 Series 735i SE
Price: £31,750
Engine: 3430 cc in line six
Performance: 0-60mph 7.6 secs, maximum speed 146mph
Official Consumption: urban 17mph, 56mph, 37.2mpg, 75mph 30mpg
Length: 16.1feet
Insurance: Group 9

The need to please the sporty driver is also apparent in the steering. Both cars have power assisted steering. The Jaguar's is a little too light for some British tastes but ideal for America — its biggest market. The BMW goes a fraction too far the other way and needs a firm grip on the wheel to change direction at speed.

Both cars have German ZF four speed automatics. Jaguar's is controlled by the unique "U" shaped gate with one leg of the "U" restricted to manual operation. The BMW version has a three position switch offering a choice of 'E' (economy), 'S' (sport) and 'M' (manual). The automatic change up points are made at lower revs for 'E'. In addition to higher rpm change up, 'S' cuts out the fourth gear overdrive. 'M' simply holds the gear selected to cope with ice and snow.

The 7-Series is more aerodynamically efficient than the Jaguar but unlike some of the latest wind-cheating "smoothies" manages to retain a distinctive personality.

The instrument layout is the best yet for a company that has long set standards in the clarity of its dashboard instrumentation and layout.

The German car also comes top in the size and convenience of its boot.

Summer specials from Vauxhall



Vauxhall Astra 2.0i GTE Convertible: Five layers of fabric in hood

Vauxhall has announced two new open-top cars hopefully in time to catch the best of the summer weather. At the time of the announcement we were enjoying the best spell of April sunshine since official records were kept. Wind in the hair motoring was something to look forward to with relish.

Now it has begun to rain reminding me that the key ingredient of any successful convertible for use in our climate is an easy to erect efficient hood. The new Astra GTE 2.0i Convertible and a less powerful 1.6 version have 5 layers of fabric to give a snug, tight fitting roof which incorporates a glass rear window with a heated element.

Vauxhall insist that it is easy to operate and folds down into a recess which avoids a disfiguring hump.

The conversion of the Astra 2-door hatchback is done in Italy by Bertone. To avoid the "shake, rattle and roll" which results from the loss of rigidity in so many convertibles, Bertone has introduced extensive reinforcing of the sills, pillars, doors, floor pan and rear panels. A padded roll-over bar gives extra strength and protection to the occupants in an accident.

Boot space is always a problem because of the intrusion of the hood well. The new Astras have a 50/50 rear seat split enabling them to be folded to accommodate long packages.

The GTE is powered by the torquey 2-litre fuel injected engine recently introduced in some 1987 Cavalier models. Top speed (with the hood up or streamlined) is 121mph while the 1.6 version reaches 107mph. The 0-60 mph times are 10 and 13 seconds respectively.

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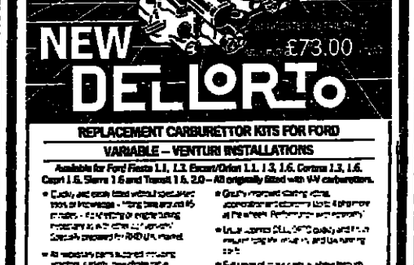
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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Start-ups on the wrong track

A radical re-think of small business policy was urged this week in a report published by the Employment Institute and written by two academics at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, David Storey and Steve Johnson, who argued that the job creating potential of the small firm sector can only be maximized by concentrating on a few fast-growing firms, *writes Teresa Poole.*

"This means a reversal of current policies of promoting 'the enterprise culture' in which every redundant worker is encouraged to gamble his or her redundancy money in starting a business," it adds.

Over the past decade half the jobs created in every 100 small firms have occurred in the four businesses which grew fastest, the report claims. Ttiis means, say the authors, that support and financial incentives should be concentrated on those few fast-growing firms.

Controversially, the report advocates an end to public assistance for start-up businesses. Instead a comprehensive package of 'hands-on' assistance would be available only to those businesses with worthwhile growth prospects which can demonstrate both a good track record and that expansion would not merely displace other local business. Such firms would have to show a capacity to sell outside their own region, and preferably outside the UK.

Help aggravating regional divide

"Much of the assistance given to small firms is headed for the pockets of entrepreneurs rather than the creation of new jobs," it claims. It also maintain that such assistance is aggravating regional divisions within Britain with most of the jobs being created in existing prosperous areas.

The study finds no correlation between a country's economic performance and the proportion of jobs in small firms. It suggests that both Britain and the US have exaggerated the importance of small companies and that the actual job creation is only modest. There are also reservations about the quality of the jobs created.

● The employment minister, Kenneth Clarke, this week said he wanted to see more emphasis on developing co-operatives and employee stock ownership plans following a Conservative election victory. He also suggested that one possible answer to the problem of raising seed corn finance would be a further Business Expansion type tax relief aimed at promoting local investment.



Stephen Lonsdale surveys renovation at St Mary's Church, Faversham, Kent

A head for heights

By Della Mason

Sculptor Stephen Lonsdale set up his own stonemasonry business four years ago. Behind him was his Royal Academy training; ahead he hoped for modest success despite the competition of old-established companies.

Already he has leapt from being a one-man set-up to a company employing 60 people with a turnover of £1.3 million a year. But the 31-year-old boss of Stephen Lonsdale Ltd, of Northfleet, Kent, admits that this rate of progress is just a little worrying.

"We're moving fast but we know we can cope," he says confidently. His team shares his liking for work. "It rubs off. If we're pushing hard on the management side then everyone gets the message."

He has won good contracts. Lonsdale's did some restoration of carved lion and unicorn friezework at the Houses of Parliament last year. Other work has included refurbishing part of the old Foreign Office building in Whitehall and rebuilding part of a Napoleon chapel at Chislehurst in Kent.

This week, sees the pinnacles going up on a steeple restoration at St Mary's Church, Faversham, Kent – and the arrival of extra computer-controlled stone-cutting machinery to help continue production through the night.

Mr Lonsdale has also tendered for what could give the company its biggest job to date, an extensive building refurbishment in Trafalgar Square.

For good measure, Lonsdale's has also switched banks. Cash flow is the company's biggest single problem with some contracts involving hundreds of thousands of pounds.

He explained: "We have a mix of bank funding, hire purchase and reinvestment of profits generated. We weren't getting what we wanted from the last bank so they've lost a million pound account. We don't take nonsense from anyone; the banks are there to serve businesses."

A managerial team of six, including two women, run the day-to-day jobs, from £500 carvings to the big orders, leaving to Mr Lonsdale free to organize new work and the tailoring of jobs.

One thing that confounds Mr Lonsdale is the lack of new recruits to the now flourishing and upmarket trade. "We're not sure about today's school-leavers, though we need them to come into the trade. They're just very hard to motivate. They think being a stonemason is a dead-end job when in fact the sky's the limit."

MR FRIDAY



"Yes! yes! I know! You've seen bigger names than me go to the wall!"

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RUGBY UNION: A VICTIM OF THE NARROWNESS OF WELSH VISION IN SELECTION

Phillips the forward who fell foul of the hierarchy

Perhaps all big-wigs prefer to have men about them that are fat, sleek-headed and those who sleep untroubled; contented men who, in other words, will do as they are told and should feel grateful for their lot.

Rugby coaches, as a breed, are familiar with the vanity of these wishes. Those players of a lean and hungry look who think too much are thought suspiciously to be dangerous and not to be tolerated. It is an easy route to achieve team spirit. But team spirit is not a matter of blending the bland simply to achieve an equilibrium. Team spirit and the second rate is no formula for success. Differences must be recognized, personalities acknowledged and such internal tensions, if reconciled, can make for its own dynamism.

For five years the narrowness of the Welsh vision in selection has made an outsider of Alan Phillips, the Cardiff hooker, who will captain the club in the Schweppes Cup Final tomorrow. His has been tragically, a story of 'what might have been'. Between 1979 and 1982 he played 15 times for Wales and toured South Africa with the Lions in 1980. He had gained the experience to secure his place for what should have been his fertile years to come. But a strange and unfathomable decision at the start of 1983, saw him dropped from the team, and never destined to return. He is currently, and has been for all the wasteful, lapsing time, the best hooker in Wales. In this I will brook no argument however much I may be reminded of the acuter grafting qualities of Mike Watkins, of Newport. While the latter declined to play for Wales three years ago, Phillips has been ostracised.

His continual rejection from the Welsh squad for the last five years has been put down, it was said, to the desruptive influence he had on the spirit of the team. The accusation, though hits the wrong target. It has been a failure of management. Gray and Quinnell, the two presently in charge of the Welsh squad, had inherited somebody else's failure. That Phillips should be elected captain of his club, requested to do so for the second time, and would possibly have been re-elected for the third time (he has declined to do so because of other commitments) supports something different.

"I began to feel in 1983 that my face did not fit," he says. "And I did not see eye to eye with the coaches at the time. I am a man who likes to say my piece. I have a contribution to make and I may have been a little outspoken.

"I was dropped from the English game that year and put on the bench. For the following game against the Maoris I was injured and could not be a replacement. And that was the end."

That it has not even been thought appropriate to include him on the replacement bench smacks of a remarkable prejudice, or dare one think so of a Welsh selection panel, an inability to recognize talent. Early on,and this is his 14th year with Cardiff, it was thought that he could not be much of a hooker since he showed such a *penchant*, so uncharacteristic of a forward, for scoring tries.

He has notched up 144 throughout his career, and one season saw him score a total of 19. Some use this testimony, curiously twisted, to argue that he was not a good forward: should he not be grovelling unseen with the rest of the weighty forwards, so the argument ran. His detractors seem to forget that the aim of the game is to score points and tries, if the team is lucky enough to have a talented man, is the surest and most satisfying way of doing so. And the Cardiff pack, in this decade, have been consistently one of the best of the bunch. Phillips has added something extra to the mundane chores that are expected of a front row forward.

The reason for his exclusion? "I was told,," he says, "that I was not selected because I anticipated too much of the game, that I was thinking too far ahead. At the time I was very bitter and wished Wales to lose. Nowadays I am disappointed that I cannot make my contribution when things are not easy for the team."

At 31, he has every right to feel disappointed. Among the rugged and often wild bunch who shore up the front row of the scrum there is a unanimity of judgment. The likes of Graham Price, Bobby Windsor, and Ian Stephens who have played with him for his country or against him for their clubs, believe he is the best hooker in Wales.

He is a good scrummager and he is among the best at retrieving the ball in the set-piece. He is speedy, a marvellous handler of the ball and has a good enough footballing brain to know where best to position himself for the benefit of the team. He is astute and competitive.

By ignoring Phillips, the Welsh selectors have not only paid lip service to the need for a more intelligent and athletic forward, but are seen to have committed a sinful act of omission.

Gerald Davies



Phillips: disappointed he cannot make a contribution

MOTOR SPORT

Herbert has fight on his hands to stay clear of Ralt

By a Special Correspondent

The Reynard versus Ralt battle in the Lucas British F3 championship resumes at Silverstone over this Bank Holiday weekend with both teams doing their utmost to increase their competitiveness.

So far, Reynard's 873 has taken three out of four victories, thanks to Johnny Herbert, but Silverstone was a happy hunting ground for the Ralt RT31s on April 12 when Gary Brabham, the Australian, headed home Bertrand Gachot, of Belgium. This time Herbert has proved devastatingly quick at Silverstone in testing, as have Damon Hill and Massimo Monti, the Cellnet-Ricoh Ralt team members. To underline the growing danger of the Ralt threat, Hill and Brabham also topped the testing times on the Brands Hauch Indy circuit last week.

As ever, Gachot has played a waiting game in the West Surrey Racing Ralt. Dick Bennetts, the team's chief, prefers not to show his hand until a race, but after the way Ralt challenged Herbert prior to tyre failure in the last race at Thruxton on April 20, few doubt Gachot will prove a major contender.

Elsewhere, the Reynard challenge should be strengthened by Madgwick Motorsport. Perry McCarthy is due for a change in fortune after recent disappointments in the Hawtal Whiting/Warmastyle car, while Thomas Danielsson, his colleague who was second at Thruxton, proved quick in testing at Brands before damaging his car.

Herbert currently leads the series from Brabham by a 13-point margin, and following the recent decision not to replace the original Silverstone opening race, which was cancelled due to snow, 14 races remain.

Prost's aim

Imola (Reuter) – The world motor racing champion, Alain Prost of France, hopes to equal Jackie Stewart's record of 27 grand prix victories by winning Sunday's San Marino race.

KARATE

McKay leads twin assault for Scots

By Nicolas Soames

Pat McKay, Scotland's world silver medal winner, has been smouldering away in Kilmarnock for the past six months, ever since he lost his world title in Australia through what he regards as a referee's error.

That is one reason why he will be a very dangerous opponent today when he fights in the European championship team competition. The other is that the competition is at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow which means that he becomes very much the local favourite, although he has never done very well in the individual competition, beginning tomorrow.

"It would be nice to win my first European title before my home crowd. I feel I'm ready," McKay, aged 29, said. "My fighting has changed and matured over the years, and that is why I have remained successful. I have learned that I must only move when I must, instead of attacking all the time." So Glasgow will see a much cannier McKay than in the past when he stamped his authority on the light-heavyweight division with aggressive, all-action style.

He opens his contribution today by leading Scotland – perhaps for the last time as several European countries are objecting to the four home countries entering separately. Next year, it is likely that only a British team will compete. It would give him special satisfaction to beat the top-ranked English team, led by Vic Charles and including Charles' cousin, Mervyn Etienne, the light-heavyweight, who will be one of his main rivals.

But the individual title is what he really wants. It would provide the impetus to commit himself to at least one more year of top international competition, culminating in the 1988 world championship. "I will be 30 next month, and I have learned there are no guarantees in our sport – I might even have to go back to the oil rig to earn my keep."

He feels he has a definite contribution to help bring karate more clearly into the modern sports world. His personal success has been based on planned supplementary fitness programmes drawn from athletics to Western boxing, and he angers the sport's traditionalists by refusing to practice *kata*, the classical pre-arranged forms.

International look to Monte Carlo sevens

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Scottish Co-Optimists, with a strong Kelso influence, will kick off the inaugural Glenlivet Monte Carlo sevens on May 10 when they play the opening match against Crawshay's Welsh.

Kelso provide five members of the Co-Optimists party, which includes three full internationals in Eric Paxton, Euan Kennedy and Peter Steven. There are two senior French internationals in the President's VII raised by Roland Bertranne: Marc Andrieu and Didier Camberabero, while three more teams (the Italian Zebras, Monaco Invitation and South of France) have yet to be announced.

Britain provide three referees to the tournament: Clive Norling (who will leave a couple of days later for the World Cup as one of the two Welsh officials), Ken McCartney, from Scotland, and Ian Bullerwell, from the East Midlands.

SCOTTISH CO-OPTIMISTS: D Robeson, A Rae, R Hogarth, M Milne, E Paxton (all Kelso), P Steven, K Rafferty (Heriot's FP), S Scott (Stewart's Melville FP), E Kennedy (Watsonians).

PRESIDENT'S VII: M Andrieu (Nimes), P Sonal (Aurillac), L Cabanettes (Racing Club), D Camerabero (Beziers), M Cecillon (Bourgoin), E Fourniols (Toulon), F Huubert (Begneres), T Janaczak (Tarbes), B Lacoste (Agen).

DRAW: Pool A: Co-Optimists v Crawshay's; Zebras v President's VII; Co-Optimists v Zebras; President's VII v Crawshay's; Crawshay's v Zebras; President's VII v Co-Optimists. Pool B: Irish Wolfhounds v South of France; Monaco v English Wanderers; Wolfhounds v Monaco; South of France v Wanderers; Monaco v South of France; Wanderers v Wolfhounds.

Hobbs forced to quit before World Cup

Jock Hobbs, the flank forward, who led New Zealand's unofficial and official sides last year, has retired on medical grounds. He will miss the inaugural World Cup and leaves the way clear for the captaincy contest to be resolved between David Kirk and Andy Dalton.

Hobbs, aged 27, made his name with Canterbury. He was capped against the British Lions in 1983 and played 39 times for his country, including 21 internationals. Last summer he was a member of the New Zealand Cavaliers who made an unauthorised tour to South Africa, where he took over the leadership of the party after Dalton broke his jaw.

When the Cavaliers were suspended on their return home, Kirk, Auckland's scrum half, took over the captaincy against France and Australia, but Hobbs resumed for the autumn tour to France. This season, he played for Wellington, but was concussed more than once and, after seeing a specialist, decided to finish playing. "I have been told most emphatically that I should call it quits," Hobbs said. "It's not the first time I have been given this advice and it's taken me longer to recover this time, so I have no alternative."

Dalton represented New Zealand between 1977 and 1985, captaining them for three years. But he is now 35 and he will have to be good enough to ensure a place against Sean Fitzpatrick and Hika Reid. Kirk led the New Zealand Barbarians on their short tour of Britain last month and has served as captain under two of the present selectors, Brian Lochore and John Hart.

Waterloo the North's outstanding club

By Michael Stevenson

There was no late season anticlimax for northern rugby followers as the county cup competitions swept towards their conclusions. Pride of place must go to Waterloo, the region's outstanding club, who defeated Orrell through the awesome power and meticulous organization of their superb pack.

It is clear that Waterloo, whose 28-12 victory was massively convincing, will look forward to national league rugby next season

The Yorkshire Cup, or "T'owd Tin Pot", as it is affectionately known, was predictably won by Headingley, aided by the liberality of the England selectors, which allowed Peter Winterbottom to play in the final against Morley. It was his dynamic 40-yard break in the second half, which made a try for Worrall, which broke Morley's spirited resistance.

In the Northumberland Cup final, Tynedale gave a gritty performance to hold Gosforth to 18-9 in an irritable match that contained only one try. That dynamic club, Aspatria, won the Cumbrian Cup for the ninth time in 11 years, beating Moresby 19-12,while Hartlepool Rovers, a trifle lucky to reach the Durham final, once there struggled to beat neighbours, West Hartlepool, 15-13.

Sale have made the Cheshire Cup their individual preserve and the only two years that they have not won it, they did not enter. This year they beat Birkenhead Park 43-13.

Law Report May 1 1987 House of Lords

Sterilization is the only answer in considering welfare of handicapped girl

In re B (a Minor) (Sterilization)

Before Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Chancellor, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Templeman and Lord Oliver of Aylmerton

[Speeches April 30]

In the court's exercise of its wardship jurisdiction the prime and only consideration was the welfare and best interests of the ward; accordingly a sterilization operation could be ordered where a mentally retarded girl aged 17 was faced with an unacceptable risk of pregnancy which could only be obviated by sterilization in order to prevent childbirth in circumstances of uncomprehending fear and pain and risk of physical injury.

No question arose as to sterilization for social purposes, eugenics or the convenience of those caring for the ward. The decision involved no general principle of public policy but was concerned solely with what was in the ward's best interests.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by the Official Solicitor, acting as *guardian ad litem* of the ward, from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Lord Justice Nicholls) (*The Times* March 17) upholding the decision of Mr Justice Bush to grant leave to Sunderland Borough Council, who exercised parental rights over the girl, for the operation to be carried out.

Miss Shirley Ritchie, QC and Mr Henry Turcan for the Official Solicitor; Miss Eleanor Platt, QC and Miss Christine Harmer for the council; Mr Alan Ward, QC and Miss Eleanor Hamilton for the ward's mother.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR said that there was no doubt that, in the exercise of its wardship jurisdiction the first and paramount consideration was the well-being, welfare, or interests (each expression occasionally used, but each, for this purpose synonymous) of the human being concerned, that is, the ward herself or himself.

In this case no other consideration was involved. In particular there was no issue of public policy other than the application of the above principle which could conceivably be taken into account, least of all (since the opposite appeared to have been considered in some quarters) any question of eugenics. The ward had never conceived and was not pregnant. No question therefore arose as to the morality or legality of an abortion.

The ward in the present case was of the mental age of five or six. She spoke in sentences limited to one or two words. Although her condition was controlled by a drug, she was epileptic. She did not understand and could not learn the causal connection between intercourse and pregnancy and the birth of children. She would be incapable of giving a valid consent to contracting a marriage.

She would not understand, or be capable of easily of supporting, the inconveniences and pains of pregnancy. As she menstruated irregularly, pregnancy would be difficult to detect or diagnose in time to terminate it easily.

Were she to carry a child to full term she would not understand what was happening to her, she would be likely to panic, and would probably have to be delivered by caesarian section, but owing to her emotional state, and the fact that she had a high pain threshold she would be quite likely to pick at the operational wound and tear it open.

In any event, she would be terrified, distressed and extremely violent during normal labour. She had no maternal instincts and was not likely to develop any. She did not desire children, and, if she bore a child, would be unable to care for it.

In those circumstances her mother and the local authority under whose care she was by virtue of a care order, advised by the social worker who knew her, a gynaecologist, and a paediatrician, considered it vital that she should not become pregnant.

She had all the physical sexual drive and inclinations of a physically mature woman of 17 and had already shown that she was vulnerable to sexual approaches. She had already once been found in a compromising situation in a bathroom, and there was significant danger of pregnancy resulting from casual sexual intercourse.

To incarcerate her or reduce such liberty as she was able to enjoy would be gravely detrimental to the amenity and quality of her life, and the only alternative to sterilization seriously canvassed before the court was an oral contaceptive to be taken daily for the rest of her life while fertile, which had only a 40 per cent chance of establishing an acceptable regime, and had serious potential side effects.

In addition, it would not be possible in the light of her swings of mood and considerable physical strength to ensure the administration of the necessary daily dose. As her social worker put it, "if B is . . . in one of her moods . . . there is no way" she would try to give her a pill.

In those circumstances, the judge and Court of Appeal decided that the only viable option was sterilization by occlusion of the fallopian tubes (not hysterectomy). His Lordship did not see how they could sensibly have come to any other possible conclusion applying as they did as their first and paramount consideration the correct criterion of the welfare of the ward.

The ward would become 18 on May 20. There seemed some doubt as to whether some residual *parens patriae* jurisdiction remained in the High Court after majority. His Lordship did not take that into account. It was clearly to the interest of the ward that the matter be decided now and without further delay.

The court had been invited to consider *In re D (a Minor) (Wardship: Sterilization)* ([1976] Fam 185) where the judge rightly referred to the irreversible nature of such an operation and the deprivation which it involved of a basic human right, that of a woman to reproduce.

But that right was only such when reproduction was the result of informed choice of which the ward in the present case was incapable.

Further, the conclusion in the Canadian case of *Re Eve* ((1986) 31 DLR (4th) 1) that sterilization should never be authorized for non-therapeutic purposes was in startling contradiction to the welfare principle. The distinction between "therapeutic" and "non-therapeutic" purposes of the operation in relation to the facts of the present case was irrelevant.

To talk of the "basic right" to reproduce of an individual who was not capable of knowing the causal connection between intercourse and childbirth, the nature of pregnancy, what was involved in delivery, unable to form any maternal instincts or to care for a child, appeared to his Lordship wholly to part company with reality.

LORD OLIVER said that no one was likely to forget that we lived in a century which, as a matter of relatively recent history, had witnessed experiments carried out in the name of eugenics or for the purpose of population control, so that the very word "sterilization" had come to carry emotive overtones.

It was important at the very outset, therefore, to emphasize as strongly as it was possible to do so, that the appeal had nothing whatever to do with eugenics. It was concerned with one primary consideration and one alone, namely the welfare and best interests of the young woman, an interest which was conditioned by the imperative necessity of ensuring, for her own safety and welfare, that she did not become pregnant.

It was unnecessary for present purposes to dilate upon the numerous possible courses of contraceptive measures which had been considered. Her limited intelligence effectively ruled out mechanical methods while at the same time the way in which certain contraceptive drugs were likely to react with the anticonvulsant drugs administered for her epileptic condition severely limited the available choices.

The only alternative to sterilization which even merited consideration was the daily administration in pill form of progestogen, a drug whose long-term side effects were not yet known and whose effectiveness for her was entirely speculative.

There then was the dilemma. The vulnerability of the young woman, her need for protection, and the potentially frightening consequences of her becoming pregnant were not in doubt.

Of the two possible courses, the one proposed was safe, certain but irreversible, the other speculative, possibly damaging and requiring discipline over a period of many years from one of the most limited intellectual capacity.

The arguments advanced against sterilization were based almost entirely – and, indeed, understandably so – upon its irreversible nature. The Court of Appeal held that the jurisdiction in wardship proceedings to authorize such an operation was one which should be exercised only in the last resort. His Lordship agreed.

It was submitted that the Court of Appeal, in authorizing the operation as the last resort, had not given sufficient weight to the alternative course of experimentation with the progestogen pill.

A further submission was that there lay in the court an inherent jurisdiction in the case of a mentally handicapped subject of any age to sanction, as *parens patriae*, an operation such as that proposed whenever it should be considered necessary. Thus, it was argued, some of the urgency was taken out of the case, for a further application could be mounted at any time should alternative methods of contraception prove ineffective.

Very much fuller argument would be required before a view could be expressed as to the correctness of that submission, but assuming for present purposes that the jurisdiction continued into full age, his Lordship remained wholly unpersuaded that the Court of Appeal failed to give full weight to the alternative proposed or erred in any way in its conclusion.

It was faced, as their Lordships now were, with the necessity of deciding here and now what was the right course in the best interests of the ward.

The danger to which she was exposed and the speculative nature of the alternative proposed were such that, on any footing, the risk was not one which should properly be taken by the court.

The Canadian case of *Re Eve* concluded that sterilization should never be authorized for non-therepeutic purposes under the *parens patriae* jurisdiction.

If in that conclusion the expression "non-therapeutic" was intended to exclude measures taken for the necessary protection from future harm of the person over whom the jurisdiction was exercisable, then his Lordship dissented from it as contradicting the sole and paramount criterion for the exercise of the jurisdiction, the welfare of the ward.

The court had observed in *Re Eve* "if sterilization of the mentally incompetent is to be adopted as desirable for general social purposes, the legislature is the appropriate body to do so".

His Lordship agreed but emphasized once again that the case was not about sterilization for social purposes, it was not about eugenics, it was not about the convenience of those caring for the ward or the anxieties of her family; and it involved no general principle of public policy.

It was about what was in the best interests of the unfortunate young woman and how best she could be given the protection which was essential to her future well-being so that she could lead as full a life as her intellectual capacity allowed.

LORD BRIDGE, delivering a concurring speech, observed that the Official Solicitor acted with complete propriety in bringing the case first to the Court of Appeal and then to their Lordships' House in view both of the public interest aroused by the decision and of its apparent conflict with *Re Eve*

Lord Brandon agreed.

LORD TEMPLEMAN, also agreeing, added that sterilization of a girl under 18 should only be carried out with the leave of a High Court judge. A doctor performing a sterilization operation with the consent of the parents might still be liable in criminal, civil or professional proceedings.

A court exercising the wardship jurisdiction emanating from the Crown was the only authority empowered to authorize such a drastic step as sterilization after a full and informed investigation.

Applications would be rare. Sometimes the judge would conclude that a sufficiently overwhelming case had not been established, as in *In re D.*

But in the present case the judge was satisfied that it would be cruel to expose the girl to an unacceptable risk of pregnancy which could only be obviated by sterilization in order to prevent childbirth in circumstances of uncomprehending fear and pain and risk of physical injury. In such a case the judge was under a duty and had the courage to authorize sterilization.

Solicitors: Official Solicitor; Mr C. G. Langley, Sunderland; Robbins Olivey & Blake; Lapthorn for Freedman Hamilton & Emmerson, Sunderland.

Burden of proof on immigrant

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Ali

Before Mr Justice Nolan

[Judgment April 29]

When a foreign national claimed entry to the UK under paragraph 56 of *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* (HC 169 of 1983) the burden of proof was upon the applicant to establish that, on the balance of probabilities, he was entitled to admission under that paragraph. The test of whether it was reasonable for an immigration officer to refuse entry, on the ground that he was not satisfied that the applicant was so entitled, was that of *Wednesbury* reasonableness (see [1948] 1 KB 223).

Mr Justice Nolan so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing an application by Mohammed Fazor Ali for an order of *certiorari* to quash a Heathrow immigration officer's decision on August 23, 1985 refusing him leave to enter the UK.

Mr Sakhawat Husain for the applicant; Mr Michael Kent for respondent.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said that the crucial issue of fact was whether the applicant, who had lived in the UK for seven years, had done so free of restriction as indicated in his 1971 passport. The immigration officer was of the opinion that the passport was invalid because it had not been issued to the applicant.

For the applicant it was argued that the evidence did not support the view formed and, more crucially, that the officer applied the wrong standard and wrong test of the burden of proof in asking whether the applicant had satisfied the immigration officer of the validity of the passport.

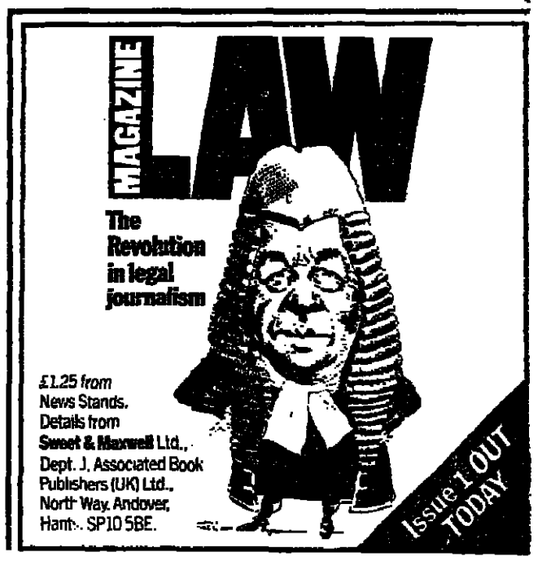
That was said to be wrong in two respects: (1) the burden of proof was on the officer to establish that the applicant was not the person named in the passport and (2) there was a heavy standard of proof in that the degree of probability must be high as laid down in *Khawaja v Secretary of State for the Home Department* ([1984] AC 74).

His Lordship considered the *dicta* of Lord Bridge in *Khawaja* at p121F and in *R v Secretary of State, Ex parte Bugdaycay* ([1987] 2 WLR 606, 611B and E). In the latter passage Lord Bridge stated how the *Khawaja* test could be distinguished and should not apply where a statute specifically conferred a discretion upon the immigration officer or the secretary of state.

The terms of paragraph 56 clearly stated that a passenger returning from overseas was to be admitted for settlement "on satisfying the immigration officer" that he had indefinite leave to enter or remain in the UK. That left the burden of proof on the applicant and required the adoption of the *Wednesbury* test of reasonableness.

If the *Khawaja* test applied to this case there would have been force in the applicant's arguments but, as it was impossible to believe that it did, the necessary conclusion was that the immigration officer was not unreasonable in reaching the conclusion he did.

Solicitors: B. C. Mascarenhas, Wood Green; Treasury Solicitor.



RACING: WARREN PLACE TEAM CAN COLLECT CORAL NEWMARKET STAKES FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING

Suhailie to regain winning thread

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Henry Cecil and Steve Cauthen combined to win the Coral Newmarket Stakes with Verd-Antique 12 months ago. Now I expect the successful duo to win the same race again, this time with **Suhailie**.

Last season, the only blot on this colt's otherwise perfect record occurred at Doncaster in the autumn when, despite starting favourite, he finished a well-beaten seventh behind his stable companion Reference Point in the William Hill Futurity.

Before that, Suhailie had won at Newmarket, Lingfield and Haydock and been particularly impressive on the latter course, winning the Dream Mile by six lengths in record time.

For some, so far unexplained, reason Suhailie did not thrive for a long time after his Doncaster debacle.

But as he is firing on all four cylinders again now, I think it would be wise to forget that lapse and give him the benefit of the doubt, especially as Afshoun looked such a difficult ride on his debut when he hung so badly to his left in that hotly-contested Wood Ditton Stakes.

Later in the afternoon, Cecil poses a real problem for punters in the General Accident Jockey Club Stakes by running three horses, El Cuite, Bonhomie and Verd-Antique, who are all owned by Sheikh Mohammed.

All three would have a good chance at their best, but rather than choose between them, I am quite content to look elsewhere for the probable winner.

On the corresponding occasion last year, Greville Starkey rode one of the best tactical races of his entire career when conjuring a late run from Phardante which proved too good for Slip Anchor.

Fitter for a race over a much shorter distance during the Craven meeting, Phardante seems bound to go well again. Yet I still prefer **Nisnas**, who was able enough as a three-year-old to win the Great Voltigeur Stakes at York in August.

Earlier in the season, he had beaten Verd-Antique at Lingfield and, as visitors to Ascot on the first day of the Royal meeting will testify, he was also desperately unlucky not to beat Bonhomie in the King Edward VIII Stakes. In my view, Nisnas will be the value bet in todays's race.

The nap, though, is entrusted to **Colmore Row** in the Arlington Stakes, even though he is opposed by three other winners, Pendalty, whose Newbury form has been boosted twice already by the runner-up, Classic Ruler, Tapestry Prints, who triumphed at the first time of asking at Kempton, and the comfortable Folkestone winner Schrot Handler.

What my nap did on his debut, and he was backed to do so, was beat Gallic League over today's course and distance at the end of the third and final day of the Craven meeting. And you will never see an easier winner this season than the latter at Bath on Tuesday.

Colway Rally and Anubi, who dead-heated for second place behind Irish Sailor in their first race just over a fortnight ago, clash again on the same terms in the Dimplex Heating Handicap.

They may both be thwarted again — this time by **The Lionheart**, who does not look harshly treated with 8st 4lb to carry judged on how he ran against Arabian Sheikh as a two-year-old. Also, my selection was far from disgraced first time out this season when finishing fifth at Kempton.

Finally, **Mukhabbr's** narrow defeat on his seasonal debut at Kempton at the hands of Always A Lady, who had already landed a gamble at Leicester, points to him having a good chance of going one better in the Ward Hill Stud Handicap.



Cecil, who poses a problem for punters

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 4.40 Sharp Gan. CARLISLE: 2.15 Mister Mac. 2.45 Bennethorpe. Stumble. 3.45 Ensleys Heights. 4.45 Rico Range, Track Angel.

Litston and Mister Bosun set course for Cheltenham

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

Jennifer Litston will achieve one of her ambitions on Wednesday evening, to ride at Cheltenham.

She partners Mister Bosun in the Audi Prix de Chasse final which sensibly, this year, has been switched to the Cheltenham hunter chase evening instead of being sandwiched between races on the Flat at Sandown Park.

Unbeaten in point-to-points this season, Mister Bosun, although now 14 years old, ran one of his best races to date on his latest outing, at Ascot.

"What a place to ride your first hunter chase winner", Mrs Litston said. "Ascot just does something to Bosun. When I was riding into the second-last all I was thinking about was two years ago when I was so tired I literally fell out of the front door. That wasn't going to happen this time".

The story of Jenny Litston's riding career and that of Mister Bosun's run parallel for it was at the age of 21, three seasons ago, that she won her first point-to-point, on Mister Bosun, the horse her father, Bill Gooden, had bought at the Ascot sales the previous November. This was at Nedge where they beat one of the best horses running in ladies' races at that time, Magetta Crescent.

She had another win on him that season and followed up with four more in 1985, supplemented by two for Richard Nicholls on Ba Ba Belle.

In the Audi final that year, Mrs Litston rode a storming finish on Mister Bosun, beaten a neck, only to be disqualified as her weight cloth had fallen off three fences from home.

"Last season is one best forgotten" she said. "All I got from five rides was two broken collarbones and just as I was getting fit again Bosun got tangled up with some wire on the sands and that put paid to him".

Bouncing back this year Mrs Litston has ridden seven winners, two of which have been on Gathabawn, Richard Nicholls' hope for the RMC final

Despite her slender frame, she has tremendous strength. "I'm not as stylish as many of the other jockeys," she says. "But I think I'm stronger."

Point-to-point results

CARMARTHENSHIRE (Lydstep): Hunt: 1, Rocks of Bawn; 2, Rhinestone Cowboy; 3, The Governor. Adj: 1, Bunky Star; 2, Cein Camfi; 3, Linkville. RMC Ladies': 1, Magetta Crescent; 2, Miss Daffodil; 3, Doggy Foggy. Open: 1, Reay Royal; 2, Castle of May; 3, Sparcon. Rest: 1, Shepherd's Walk; 2, Koinally; 3, Portfield Fair. Mdn: 1, Hey Sonny; 2, Consomme. Only two finished.
COTSWOLD (Andoversford): Hunt: 1, Gilsqud Bridge; 2, Master What; 3, Fast And Free. Ladies': 1, Nunowen; 2, Marked Man. Only two finished. Land Rover Open: 1, Egbert; 2, Parish Rigged; 3, Pickled Pink. Adj: 1, Right Of Way; 2, Larry Mac; 3, Bishop's Bell. Rest: 1, Sir Domino; 2, Voices of Spring; 3, Cearbic. Adj rest: 1, Orleans Spring; 2, Border Sun; 3, Madam May.
SOUTH DEVON (Haldon): Hunt: 1, Wollop; 2, Stoneyard; 3, Squire Trelawny. Adj: 1, Barton Sauce; 2, Wells O'Wearie; 3, Mustard. Ladies': 1, Beni; 2, Linton; 3, Captain Pat. PPOA: 1, Cal Mal; 2, Redenham; 3, Adjudicator. Open: 1, Arizona Belle; 2, Sutton Prince; 3, Bellaire The Smith. Mdn: 1, Jackstino; 2, Todor Mile; 3, Bergen Bay.

NEWMARKET

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 COLMORE ROW (nap).	2.00 COLMORE ROW (nap).
2.35 The Lionheart.	2.35 Anubi.
3.05 Suhailie.	3.05 Afshoun.
3.40 Nisnas.	3.40 Bonhomie.
4.10 Mukhabbr.	4.10 Malibu Toast.
4.40 Jeronimo.	4.40 Axia.

By Michael Seely

2.35 The Lionheart. 3.05 Afshoun. 4.10 MUKHABBR (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.0 COLMORE ROW

Going: good **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 ARLINGTON STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,921: 5f) (10 runners)

101	(1)	01	PENDALTY 21 (D,S) (P Bourke) K Brassey 9-3	N Adams	91
102	(10)	1	COLMORE ROW 15 (CD,G) (Mrs F Allen) W Jarvis 9-2	B Raymond	89
103	(5)	1	TAPESTRY PRINTS 28 (D,S) (K Turner) M Haynes 9-1	C Rutter	87
106	(7)	01	SCHROT HANDLER 32 (D,S) (D Gallyer) R Hannon 8-12	B Rouse	88
107	(9)		GOOD MEDICINE (S A B Dunmore Ltd) P Haslam 8-11	T Williams	—
108	(6)	0	GREENS MASTERPIECE 15 (R Green) L Piggott 8-11	T Ives	—
109	(4)		HANDSOME SWALLOW (L Gotch) D Dale 8-11	V Smith	—
110	(2)		MR TAYLOR (Taylors of Soham) H Collingridge 8-11	M Rimmer	—
112	(8)		SPECIAL RESERVE (Newmarket Thoroughbred Racing) P Haslam 8-11	G French	—
113	(3)	222	CHUMMY'S GIRL 4 (C Gaventa) N Callaghan 8-6	Pat Eddery	85

BETTING: 9-4 Colmore Row, 100-30 Schrot Handler, 9-2 Pendalty, 11-2 Greens Masterpiece, 6-1 Tapestry Prints, 8-1 Chummy's Girl, 12-1 others.

1986: QUEL ESPRIT 9-0 S Cauthen (100-30) M McCormack 7 ran

2.35 DIMPLEX HEATING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,717: 1m) (12 runners) C 4

203	(2)	00-12	BIN SHADDAD 11 (S) (A K Al Jafleh) L Piggott 9-7	T Ives	97
204	(7)	2110-	LUCAYAN KNIGHT 196 (F) (Lady Hayward) M Stoute 9-6	W R Swinburn	89
206	(9)	40031-2	COLWAY RALLY 17 (F) (R Coleman) J Watts 9-3	G Starkey	94
208	(1)	02111-	ORIENT LINE 205 (F,G) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 9-2	A McGlone	90
211	(5)	041-2	ANUBI 17 (D,G) (Studcrown Ltd) L Cumani 8-11	R Cochrane	94
212	(8)	0111-24	PERFECT STRANGER 11 (D,BF,F,G) (I Pace) P Haslam 8-10	T Williams	95
213	(3)	300-	BUCKRA MELLISUGA 205 (Abigail Ltd) J Toller 8-9	P Robinson	90
214	(11)	204-0	WILLIESWRIGHTONCUE 15 (J Wright) G Huffer 8-7	G Carter	92
216	(6)	000031-	CHESTER TERRACE 185 (G) (L Sainer) P Walwyn 8-4	G Thomson	83
217	(10)	020-0	THE LIONHEART 11 (R Sangster) J Hills 8-4	M Hills	99
218	(4)	000-	MAHRAJAN 232 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-3	—	80
219	(12)	0001-00	MADAM BILLA 9 (S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 7-13	W Carson	93

BETTING: 3-1 Bin Shaddad, 7-2 Perfect Stranger, 9-2 Anubi, 11-2 Lucayan Knight, 8-1 Colway Rally, 10-1 Orient Line, 12-1 The Lionheart, 14-1 Willieswrightoncue, 16-1 others.

1986: KABIYLA 8-6 W Swinburn (11-4 fav) M Stoute 14 ran

FORM BIN SHADDAD (9-5) showed improved form in a Nottingham stakes race last time (1m 50y, £2771, good, Apr 20, 4 ran) when 2l 2nd to the potentially useful Fearless Action (9-4).

LUCAYAN KNIGHT (9-0) seen to best advantage last season when a ½l winner from How Very Touching (8-11) at Ayr (6f, £3828, firm, Sep 19, 9 ran).
COLWAY RALLY (9-0) dead heated with ANUBI (8-8) when 2½l 2nd to Irish Sailor (9-12) here at the Craven meeting (7f, £5072, good, Apr 14, 15 ran).
ORIENT LINE (8-11) completed his hat-trick with a 2½l win over Sunorius (9-7) in a York nursery (7f, £3725, good to firm, Oct 8, 10 ran).
PERFECT STRANGER (9-1) did not get a clear run when 3¼l 4th to Othiel (8-12) at Kempton (1m, £2813, good, Apr 20, 18 ran) with the equally unlucky THE LIONHEART (8-9), who showed better form as a juvenile, ¼l 5th.
WILLIESWRIGHTONCUE (9-0) was up to form when 9l 7th of 20 to the impressive Domus (9-0) here a fortnight ago (7f, £3658, good, Apr 16).
Selection: THE LIONHEART

3.5 CORAL NEWMARKET STAKES (3-Y-O colts: £11,530: 1m 2f) (5 runners) C 4

301	(2)	010-	NINTH SAGA 182 (G) (Mrs V Payson) M E Francis 8-13	C Rutter	66
302	(4)	1110-	SUHAILIE 188 (G,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-13	S Cauthen	94
303	(3)	3	AFSHOUN 16 (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-10	W R Swinburn	78
304	(5)	11033-0	GENGHIZ 15 (F,G) (P Wetzel) L Piggott 8-10	T Ives	99
306	(1)	01200-4	SANTELLA SAM 20 (G) (R Talano) M Ryan 8-10	P Robinson	80

BETTING: 13-8 Suhailie, 9-4 Genghiz, 4-1 Afshoun, 10-1 Santella Sam, 20-1 Ninth Saga.

1986: VERD-ANTIQUE 8-6 S Cauthen (11-10 fav) H Cecil 10 ran

FORM NINTH SAGA (9-0) made all when beating Shantaroun (9-0) 2½l here in October (7f, £4611, good, 16 ran).
SUHAILIE, disappointing favourite in the Futurity last October, better judged on an earlier (9-5) 6l beating of Tertiary Zone (8-11) in fast run 3-horse Dream Mile Stakes at Haydock (1m40y, £7390, firm, Oct 4).
AFSHOUN will improve on debut (9-0) when 2½l 3rd to Favourite Guest (9-0) in the Wood Ditton at the last meeting here (1m, £5369, good, Apr 15, 19 ran).
GENGHIZ never got in the race behind Ajdal in the Craven on reappearance, last season (9-0) finished 2¼l 3rd to that same horse (9-0) in the Dewhurst (7f Group I, £38165, good, Oct 17, 5 ran).
Selection: SUHAILIE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	76	316	24.1
M Stoute	50	304	16.4
G Harwood	43	307	14.0
W O'Gorman	23	164	14.0
L Cumani	31	247	12.5
R Hannon	15	162	9.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	79	518	15.3
Pat Eddery	62	437	14.2
W R Swinburn	48	338	14.2
W Carson	56	456	12.3
G Starkey	39	340	11.5
M Hills	21	214	9.8

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 68

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 GENERAL ACCIDENT JOCKEY CLUB STAKES (Group I): £24,478: 1m 4f) (7 runners) C 4

401	(5)	1/111-	EL CUITE 187 (D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-8-12	S Cauthen	96
402	(2)	33402-0	PHARDANTE 16 (CD,F,G) (S Karmel) G Harwood 5-8-12	G Starkey	88
403	(4)	11/2122-	BONHOMIE 276 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-8-10	Pat Eddery	99
404	(1)	031104-	NISNAS 188 (D,F,S) (F Salman) P Cole 4-8-10	T Quinn	95
405	(6)	0300-03	CHAUMIERE 9 (V,F) (C Booth) R Williams 5-8-7	T Ives	74
406	(3)	210/310-	KAZAROUN 189 (D,F,S) (E Sacchetti) M Stoute 5-8-7	W R Swinburn	90
408	(7)	1212-	VERD-ANTIQUE 188 (C,D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-8-7	W Ryan	98

BETTING: 5-2 El Cuite, 3-1 Bonhomie, 9-2 Verd-Antique, 5-1 Nisnas, 8-1 Kazaroun, 9-1 Phardante, 20-1 Chaumiere.

1986: PHARDANTE 4-8-7 G Starkey (11-2) G Harwood 3 ran

FORM EL CUITE remains unbeaten and showed his best form abroad last term when (8-11) beating Alesso (8-11) and Valuable Witness (9-3) a neck and a short neck in a Group 1 event at Longchamp (1m 7f, £35492, soft, Oct 26, 10 ran).
PHARDANTE ran poorly on reappearance over a trip too short when needing the race, is better judged on (9-7) a short head 2nd to Valuable Witness (9-5) here in the Group III Jockey Club Cup (2m, £18884, good to firm, Oct 2, 4 ran).
BONHOMIE, admirably game and consistent, ran to best when (8-8) beating New Trojan (8-8) 1¼l with NISNAS (8-8) a most unlucky ¾l further back in 3rd at Ascot (1m 4f Group 2, £39519, firm, Jun 17, 13 ran).
VERD-ANTIQUE, never out of the first two, ran a good race on latest start when (8-7) 1½l 2nd to Jupiter Island (8-9) with NISNAS (8-12) 4½l further back in 4th and KAZAROUN (9-3) a most disappointing 6th, Newbury (1m 4f Group 3, £16905, soft, Oct 25, 9 ran).
Previously VERD-ANTIQUE (8-11) beat Khozdar (8-11) 5l with CHAUMIERE (9-5) a further ½l away 3rd at Newmarket (1m 4f, £6243, good to firm, Oct 2, 7 ran).
Selection: VERD-ANTIQUE

4.10 WARD HILL STUD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £6,472: 6f) (12 runners) C 4

501	(1)	2430-03	QUEL ESPRIT 11 (CD,BF,G,S) (Miss L Morgan) M McCormack 9-7	S Cauthen	87
502	(12)	11	LOCHVOR 21 (S) (H Kay) M H Easterby 9-2	W R Swinburn	86
503	(2)	201010-	MAZILIER 175 (F,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-10	Pat Eddery	81
504	(3)	21-0	DUNENNY 17 (S) (E Reisel) R Akehurst 8-5	A Clark	69
505	(11)	03140-	PETER MOON 188 (F) (C Wacker III) R Armstrong 8-4	B Thomson	66
506	(8)	310-	CLEAR HER STAGE 251 (D,G) (Mrs J Siegel) J Sutcliffe 8-4	M Hills	87
507	(4)	011-	MALIBU TOAST 207 (F) (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 8-4	R Cochrane	86
508	(9)	11110-2	MUKHABBR 13 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-2	T Williams	99
509	(5)	0221-3	KNOCKIN' EXPRESS 15 (D,G) (W Joyce) G Huffer 7-13	G Carter	88
511	(6)	01021-6	SUPREME ROSE 13 (D,S) (E Badger) W Musson 7-12	A McGlone	96
515	(7)	00-139	SPITZABIT 6 (CD,G) (Mrs C Reed) Pat Mitchell 7-7 (7ex)	R Fox	92
516	(10)	000-02	FOX PATH 31 (Mrs C Charlet) C Charlet 7-7	N Adams	89

BETTING: 4-1 Mukhabbr, 5-1 Malibu Toast, 6-1 Lochvor, 7-1 Quel Esprit 8-1 Spitzabit, 10-1 Mazilier, Knockin' Express, 12-1 Supreme Rose, Peter Moon, 14-1 Dunenny, 16-1 others.

1986: MERDON MELODY 7-9 M Thomas (12-1) R Sheather 18 ran

FORM QUEL ESPRIT was a disappointing favourite last time, but previously (3-2) ran right up to juvenile form when a short head winner (subsequently demoted to 2nd) from Mister Majestic (9-5) at Folkestone (6f, £2368, good to soft, Apr 13, 4 ran).
LOCHVOR (9-7) was an easy 5l winner from Water City (9-0) at Thirsk (5f, £1573, good to soft, Apr 10, 7 ran) and further improvement is likely.
MALIBU TOAST (9-1) was odds on and showed a nice turn of foot to beat Veryan Bay (9-1) 4l at Edinburgh (5f, £547, good to firm, Oct 6, 7 ran) and has plenty of scope for improvement.
MUKHABBR (9-7) won 5 times as a two-year-old, but looked better than ever when (9-7) a short head 2nd to Always A Lady (7-6) at Kempton (6f, £2797, good, Apr 18, 17 ran) with SPITZABIT (8-7) a head away in 3rd and SUPREME ROSE (9-3) behind and in need of the race.
Previously, SPITZABIT (7-11) beat Shades Of Night (8-7) 3l over course and distance (£4721, good, Apr 16, 12 ran) with KNOCKIN' EXPRESS (9-0) running on to finish 2l further back in 3rd.
Selection: MUKHABBR

4.40 EBF WILBRAHAM MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,077: 5f) (15 runners)

601	(10)		AHONITA (Mrs A Upsdell) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	—
602	(15)		ALABAMA GIRL (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 8-11	T Ives	—
603	(11)		AVIDAL PARK (G Mills) E Eldin 8-11	A Mackay	—
604	(7)		AXIA (A Foustok) R Boss 8-11	R Cochrane	—
605	(14)	0	AZAILA 16 (Miss C Philipson) J Winter 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
606	(9)		BELLE CANTICLE (T Lane) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	W Hood	—
608	(4)		ECLIPSE BID (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-11	S Cauthen	—
609	(1)		FLEUR DE FORET (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
610	(3)		HAY DEB (W Hall) P Haslam 8-11	T Williams	—
611	(2)		JERONIMIE (F Northcott) R Armstrong 8-11	B Thomson	—
612	(8)	4	MARENTIA 20 (Mrs N Kavis) M Usher 8-11	D McKay	—
613	(6)		MOON DROP (M Schad) B Hanbury 8-11	B Raymond	—
615	(12)		ROUND MIDNIGHT (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 8-11	M Banner	—
616	(5)		SHARP GAIN (B) (J Smith) R Sheather 8-11	A Shoults	—
617	(13)		TAYLORS PET (Taylors Of Soham) F Duff 8-11	M Rimmer	—

BETTING: 100-30 Fleur de Foret, 9-2 Jeronime, 6-1 Azaila, 8-1 Marentia, 10-1 Alabama Girl, Eclipse Bid, 12-1 Moon Drop, Sharp Gain, 14-1 Hay Deb, 16-1 Axia, Ahonita, 20-1 others.

1986: NATURALLY FRESH 8-11 W Swinburn (9-4 fav) J Winter 12 ran

4.55 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE WHIP (Maiden 3-Y-O: 1m)

1		00	COOKATOO ISLAND 181 (Lord Derby) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	G Carter

Walks over

1986: TIMBERWOOD 9-0 A Murray (5-2) H Thomson Jones 5 ran

CARLISLE

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Potato King.	2.15 Mr Sunday Sport.
2.45 Air Of Spring.	2.45 —
3.15 Websters Feast.	3.15 Beechwood Cottage.
3.45 First Of All.	3.45 First Of All.
4.15 Combermere.	4.15 New Mexico.
4.45 Sun Fleece.	4.45 Ala Hounak.

Going: firm **Draw: 5-6f, high numbers best**

2.15 EBF HIGH STILE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,367: 5f) (18 runners)

2	(11)	403	BROTHERTON CASTLE 11 (R Morrison) J S Wilson 8-11	T Sprake (7)	90
4	(13)	0	DONOVAN ROSE 21 (P Savill) J Berry 8-11	Paul Eddery	89
7	(9)	0	GREEN BAIZE 11 (R Graham) K Stone 8-11	J Bleasdale	—
9	(12)	0	LINCROFT BOY 7 (W Bulmer) C Tinkler 8-11	NON-RUNNER	—
11	(14)	30	MISTER MAC 7 (S,BF) (J McAllister) N Tinkler 8-11	Kim Tinkler	90
12	(18)		MR SUNDAY SPORT (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-11	T Lucas	—
13	(4)	422	NATION'S ART 11 (Nation Wide Racing Co Ltd) R Stubbs 8-11	G Duffield	99
14	(8)		ORIENT GREY (T Barron) T Barron 8-11	S Webster	—
15	(2)	00	PENHILL 9 (T Waite) G M Moore 8-11	C Coates (5)	93
16	(7)	4	POTATO KING 20 (Mrs J Park) Denys Smith 8-11	L Charnock	98
18	(3)		PUNO (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 8-11	K Hodgson	—
19	(6)	4	QUEENS TOUR 6 (I Bell) M Brittain 8-11	M Wigham	95
20	(10)		RAMPANT RON (P Hartzel) S Norton 8-11	J Lowe	—
22	(15)		SWEET CITY (E Briggs) G W Richards 8-11	J Hansen	—
23	(5)		TOMDACHOILLE (F H Lee) R Hollinshead 8-11	S Perks	—
24	(16)	4	VAGOG 29 (P Goulandris) P Calver 8-11	M Fry	93
26	(17)		EASTERN MELODY (J College) E Alston 8-6	J H Brown (5)	—
27	(1)	2	OUR KRYSTLE 23 (BF) (G Atkinson) D Moffatt 8-6	—	96

BETTING: 11-4 Nation's Art, 7-2 Potato King, 4-1 Our Krystle, 6-1 Brotherton Castle, 8-1 Queens Tour, 10-1 Penhill, 12-1 others.

1986: SHADES OF NIGHT 8-11 A Mackay (5-4 fav) J Winter 10 ran

2.45 BRADRETH CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £887: 5f) (14 runners)

2	(1)	0410-30	WHITE OF MORN 25 (S,BF,F) (P Durkan) M McCormack 9-4	M Wigham	87
3	(10)	013-400	GARDENIA LADY 6 (D,F) (W Sprik) T Barron 9-1	D Monaghan-White (7)	82
4	(6)	000-00	BENNETTHORPE 7 (S) (Hippodromo Racing) M W Easterby 9-0	T Lucas	87
8	(11)	00-0000	THEKGIAN 8 (B,D,G) (F H Lee) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	92
9	(12)	30202-2	AIR OF SPRING 9 (Mrs S Sturmani) T Barron 8-11	S Webster	96
10	(8)		BARGAINETTE (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 8-11	—	—
12	(2)	00-0303	MR BERKELEY 5 (V) (Country Properties & Dev Ltd) C Tinkler 8-8	J Lowe	87
13	(7)	00	DILIDUP 13 (V) (A Williamson) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 8-6	J Williams	—
15	(3)	000-0	STUMBLE 18 (B) (J Cowan) D Yeoman 8-5	J Carroll (5)	81
16	(13)	0000-00	TAKE EFFECT 21 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-5	A Bacon (7)	88
18	(9)	000-4	DEINOPUS 6 (J Weiman) D Chapman 8-4	M Beecroft	87
20	(14)	00-0	CAWSTONS PREJUDICE 13 (J Abbey) B McMahon 8-3	B Crossley	93
24	(4)	0000-02	FLORET 21 (A Goldson) Mrs N Macauley 8-1	R Hills	92
25	(5)	400-2	LIME BROOK 17 (V) (A Fletcher) B Morgan 8-0	G Duffield	99

BETTING: 5-2 Air of Spring, 7-2 White Of Morn, 4-1 Lime Brook, 5-1 Gardenia Lady, 7-1 Deinopus, Floret, 10-1 Mr Berkeley, 12-1 Thekgian, 14-1 others.

1986: CHUMMY'S PET 9-0 J Matthias (11-8 fav) N Callaghan 13 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
L Cumani	5	10	50.0
N Callaghan	7	18	38.9
M McCormack	5	22	22.7
J W Watts	5	41	12.2
S Norton	8	73	11.0
R Hollinshead	8	87	9.2

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Duffield	14	73	19.2
K Hodgson	5	30	16.7
J Lowe	8	103	7.8
S Perks	4	57	7.0

Only Qualifiers

3.15 GRASMERE HANDICAP (£1,951: 6f) (17 runners)

1	(13)	41000-0	CASUAL PASS 20 (S) (J Morrison) G W Richards 4-9-11	J Hansen	—
2	(3)	0-01000	BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 3 (D,F,G,S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 4-9-5	J Carr (7)	95
3	(15)	000030-	SHARLIE'S WIMPY 190 (D,F,G) (R Jelley) W Pearce 8-9-4	M Hindley	90
4	(2)	00000-1	FARMER JOCK 7 (F) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-4 (7ex)	R Hills	98
6	(4)	400-000	DANCING TOM 13 (B,D,S) (T Fairhurst) T Fairhurst 4-9-2	K Hodgson	88
8	(16)	04000-0	MISS PRIMULA 7 (D,G) (Kavli) W Bentley 4-8-12	R P Elliott	93
9	(8)	00010-0	WEBSTERS FEAST 28 (D,F,G) (L Oxenham) M McCormack 4-8-10	M Wigham	94
10	(14)	0-00002	QUALITAIR KING 6 (CD,S) (Qualitair Hotels Ltd) K Stone 4-8-8	S Keightley	95
11	(11)	0400-00	FAWLEY'S GIRL 11 (D,G) (Mrs J Lowe) R Hollinshead 5-8-8	A Culhane (7)	98
12	(12)	4000-00	FAATIK 9 (P McGilton) B McMahon 4-8-7	G Duffield	99
14	(10)	0-00230	JANE'S BRAVE BOY 3 (G,S) (J Eddon) D Chapman 5-8-1	L Charnock	96
17	(9)	000-000	COLWAY RADIAL 2 (R Coleman) Denys Smith 4-7-9	M Fry	89
19	(1)	00/0000-	PRINCESS BELLA 242 (V) (R Royle) Mrs L-Jones 5-7-7	—	—
22	(5)	004032-	SWEET EIRE 207 (Miss P Murray) Mrs A Bell 5-7-7	—	97
24	(17)	00/0000-	ROCK SALT 206 (W Storey) W Storey 5-7-7	J Quinn (5)	—
25	(7)	000000-	TRADESMAN 185 (F,S) (Mrs M Rutherford) J Haldane 7-7-7	L Riggio (7)	—
26	(6)	000-000	CULMINATE 13 (S) (P Monteith) P Monteith 5-7-7	S Williams (7)	97

BETTING: 7-2 Farmer Jock, 4-1 Qualitair King, 5-1 Fawley's Girl, 6-1 Faatik, 7-1 Sweet Eire, 8-1 Beechwood Cottage, 10-1 Sharlie's Wimpy, 12-1 Jane's Brave Boy, 14-1 others.

1986: LITTLE NEWINGTON 5-7-12 M Richardson (14-1) N Bycroft 17 ran

3.45 BOW FELL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £829: 1m) (13 runners)

1	(1)		BONNY'S PET (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 8-11	J Lowe	—
2	(10)	4000-00	CALLACE 6 (M Burtenshaw) P Blockley 8-11	S Lawes	67
4	(2)	000-	CULINARY 213 (J Smith) G McMahon 8-11	G Duffield	—
8	(4)	0030-00	EMSLEYS HEIGHTS 7 (B) (W J Emsley Ltd) T Fairhurst 8-11	K Hodgson	—
10	(13)	4	FIRST OF ALL 13 (A Elsom) L Cumani 8-11	R Guest	98
12	(8)	03	GUNNER'S ROW 13 (K Johnson) G Moore 8-11	C Coates (5)	96
15	(5)	00-0	INDRAJI 18 (Cheveley Park Stud) P Calver 8-11	M Fry	81
16	(9)		KALAMKARI (A Lewis) W Elsey 8-11	N Connorton	—
25	(3)	00-	POWER OF LOVE 213 (C Booth) C Booth 8-11	M Wigham	80
28	(7)	033-	SILVERCOAST 193 (H Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	99
30	(5)	00-	SWEET MARY LOU 241 (Mrs S Burrows) G W Richards 8-11	J Hansen	—
31	(12)	0	TEARFUL REUNION 13 (R Sangster) J W Watts 8-11	A Mercer	—
33	(11)	0-0	TRIAL BID 11 (N Philips) W Jarvis 8-11	T Lucas	86

BETTING: 5-2 Silvercoast, 11-4 Gunner's Row, 7-2 First of All, 6-1 Trial Bid, 10-1 Tearful Reunion, Power Of Love, 12-1 Indraji, 16-1 others.

1986: NORTHERN MEETING 8-11 J Matthias (8-1) I Balding 16 ran

4.15 SCAFELL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,174: 1m) (11 runners)

2	(2)	40020-1	NEW MEXICO 18 (S) (O Pollard Jun) D Morley 9-7	R Guest	90
8	(6)	030-000	BE MY PROSPECT 11 (R Boss) Miss M Bell 9-1	S Keightley	93
11	(5)	040-	WILLOW THE KING 190 (Mrs R Heaton) E Weymes 9-0	E Guest (3)	84
14	(3)	01000-0	JOHNNY SHARP 32 (B,F) (P Wetzel) S Norton 8-10	J Lowe	83
15	(11)	04300-3



Freddie Head all smiles after Miesque's brilliant victory (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Miesque seals Guineas with magical burst

By Michael Seely

The spirit of Nureyev was triumphant again at Newmarket yesterday when his daughter Miesque overwhelmed Milligram and Interval with a brilliant burst of finishing speed in the General Accident 1,000 Guineas.

It is seven years since Francois Boutin saw Nureyev disqualified after beating Known Fact in the 1980 2,000 Guineas. And the great French trainer was speaking both for himself and for Stavros Niarchos when he said: "We were unlucky with the father and this is just compensation."

The legend of the recently-retired Northern Dancer goes on and on, and his granddaughter's acceleration left her rivals standing.

"I was a bit worried when we were shut in," said a triumphant Freddie Head. "She's still a bit shy and I didn't want to go for the gap. But when I switched her she quickened in three strides. She went whoosh and won easily."

At the bushes, Polonia had burst into a clear lead with Walter Swinburn on Milligram and Pat Eddery on Interval poised to launch their respective challenges. Miesque was tracking this pair.

In the dip, Head pulled the 15-8 favourite to the outside and she lengthened her stride to win by a length and a half. Milligram rallied to take second place by a head. Polonia finished fourth and Mamouna, who came home strongly, fifth.

There is no arguing with the discipline imposed by the form book and Miesque was here confirming the superiority she had shown over Milligram last Autumn in the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp.

Michael Stoute, having the frustrating experience of watching his seventh filly placed in the 1,000 since 1978, said: "There are no excuses, we were beaten by the better filly on the day."

Miesque, a tough little filly with big ears and an honest head, did not please some paddock critics but looked trained to the minute. "She's very good," said Boutin. "She runs like a stayer but I'm first going to run her in the French 1,000 on May 17 and then we'll think about her future programme."

Mr Niarchos, the 77-year-old Greek shipping magnate, first had his appetite for racing whetted when Pipe Of Peace finished second to Crepello in the 1957 2,000 Guineas and third to the same horse in the Derby. He has about 150 horses in training world-wide, but although he still has 14 two-year-olds with Vincent O'Brien, the severence of his partnership with the Coolmore syndicate was announced last year.

Although Stoute has no firm plans for Milligram, the runner-up was heavily backed for the Oaks after yesterday's race. The daughter of Mill Reef and One In A Million was well laid at 14-1 and 12-1, and is now favourite at 10-1 for the Epsom classic with Ladbrokes.

Earlier in the afternoon, Henry Cecil had shown us a prospective middle-distance filly of championship class when Steve Cauthen had sent Indian Skimmer storming home four lengths clear of Percy's Lass in the Pretty Polly Stakes.

Unfortunately, Sheikh Mohammed's Storm Bird filly was never entered for the Epsom Oaks. "I intend to send her to York for the Musidora Stakes and after that for the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot," the six-times champion trainer said. " After that she's in races like the Irish Oaks and the Prix de Diane."

A week ago, Indian Skimmer had made short work of Martha Stevens and Scimitarra on the gallops at Newmarket. "I toyed with the idea of running her in the 1,000," Cecil continued. "But I didn't think she's be sharp enough."

Ajdal pleases in workout

Ajdal, 11-10 favourite to win tomorrow's General Accident 2,000 Guineas, showed himself to be on target in a five-furlong spin with Verdant Boy and Ten No Trumps on the Limekilns yesterday morning (Michael Seely writes).

Watched by Michael Stoute, Sheikh Mohammed, John Leat and Anthony Stroud, the Craven Stakes winner looked warm after two canters on the way to the start, but relaxed in the hands of Tony Kimberley before sprinting past Verdant Boy.

Lean Ar Aghaidh underlines Landau's promising future

By John Dorman

Every few years there emerges on the jump racing scene a young jockey with sufficient class and confidence for the pundits to mark him down as a future champion. Four years ago we had Richard Dunwoody. 1987 has been the year of Guy Landau.

In his first full season of racing and still claiming 4lb, Landau, aged 20, and the Stan Mellor-trained Lean Ar Aghaidh (pronounced Lan-A-Rye) led the Grand National from the first fence, and were only beaten into third place on the run-in.

Last Saturday, the same combination put on an almost perfect display of jumping at Sandown to win the Whitbread Gold Cup.

The only flaw in the performance came when the horse made a terrible blunder at the first of the railway fences second time round. Landau, on his way out of the side door, grabbed desperately at a breastplate, but somehow survived.

"Even before the race I was confident I was going to win," Landau said. "I had ridden him out every day since the National and he seemed very well. All Stan Mellor said was: 'You know the horse, just ride him how you think best.

" I jumped off well and just let him bowl along at his own gallop. We jumped the first two or three fences in front and to be honest I don't think Desert Orchid liked that very much."

Now based at Highworth, near Lambourn, Landau was brought up in Sussex, where his stepfather rode in point-to-points and was a friend of Ryan Price.

The young lad was already breaking in yearlings when he was ten years old, and by the time he was 12 he was riding out for Guy Harwood in the summer holidays. He had ponies, and went hunting and point-to-pointing, something which helped when he turned to jump racing.

At 16, he was apprenticed to Guy Harwood, and two seasons on the Flat brought eleven winners from about 100 rides. "I used to kid myself that I was going to beat Lester Piggott one day, as all 16-year-olds do," he recalled. "But in truth I was never going to be a Flat jockey."

In 1985, he moved to Henry Candy's yard at Kingstone Warren, but increasing weight meant that he had to turn to jumping. Candy arranged him a job with Stan Mellor, and the young Landau had a dream debut over fences in November, 1985, winning at Sandown on No-U-Turn, even though he had never schooled the horse. "I have not stopped learning since," he remarked, reflectively.

His first season, deliberately curtailed in order to retain his 7lb claim, brought him 13 winners. This term he is on 26, and has to ride only two more before he loses his 4lb claim. At the same stage in his career, Peter Scudamore's winners could be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Landau has had an astonishingly successful first full season of racing, including winning the A T Cross Young Jockey of the Month award in February, and he is quick to acknowledge the help and advice he has received from Stan Mellor, himself three times champion jockey.

He is grateful, too, that Mellor and Lean Ar Aghaidh's owner, Mrs Georgina Tulloch, allowed him to keep the ride on the horse in the National and the Whitbread. "I think a lot of owners and trainers would have put up a more experienced jockey than a 4lb claimer in races like that," he says.

He has certainly justified their faith in his undoubted ability.

Mullins in form again

From our Irish Correspondent, Dublin

Paddy Mullins continues to carry off the big Punchestown prizes. On Wednesday, he provided 9-1 winner Darkorjon to upset Bayan Sunshine in the Tattersalls Gold Cup while yesterday, Grabel, an 8-1 chance, landed the Guiness Trophy Four-Year-Old Champion Hurdle.

This had looked a two-horse race between the English challenger Aldino (11-10 favourite) and the local star Classical Charm, who tried to lead all the way.

The gallop proved much too hot for Aldino, but Grabel joined Classical Charm at the second-last flight and won handily from the late challenging Cromod Hill.

Banker's Benefit, the beaten Irish Grand National favourite, won a stirring race for the Woodchester Bowmaker Chase, worth IR £30,000. Banker's Benefit had set the pace but his distaste for the prevailing firm ground saw him jump very slowly at almost every one of the 18 fences.

At the final fence, there were three runners almost in a line, Bobsline, Banker's Benefit and Royal Bond. The veteran Royal Bond gained three lengths in the air, but on the run-in Banker's Benefit rallied to get up close home.

Curley granted injunction

Barney Curley, the Newmarket trainer, yesterday gained a temporary reprieve from a two-year ban imposed on him by the Jockey Club last week. Curley has successfully applied to the High Court for an ex-parte injunction against the Jockey Club, who imposed the ban after Curley was found guilty of causing "serious damage to the interests of racing."

Curley said: "I instructed my lawyers to apply to the High Court for an injunction against the Jockey Club, restraining them from enforcing their decision, and this application was successfully made today. Since the matter is now before the Court, I can make no further comment."

FOOTBALL: ENGLAND'S MANAGER MUST FACE THE SAD TRUTH ABOUT BRYAN ROBSON

Loyal beyond the call of duty

Izmir

The loyalty of national team managers to their leading players is a virtue which, much more than in club football, tends to be carried beyond the point of rationalization. The evidence of England's cup tie against Turkey here suggests that point may be uncomfortably close for Bobby Robson and his captain.

Managers' comments about their team and the players' performance often seem perversely at odds with what the public see — or think they have seen. Part of the fascination of football is difference of opinion. When England lost 3-2 at home to Austria in the autumn of 1965, Alf Ramsey said he was satisfied with the performance. The public groaned, but Alf was vindicated by events.

National managers rely heavily on captains

The manager's comment here, on a bitterly cold evening after England had taken a point from a match they should have won but could have lost, that his captain had been outstanding is particularly hard to accept. From my windswept bench, with litter swirling above my head like seagulls, Bryan Robson looked an often weary, ageing player who was carrying an injury and was in anything but the dominant, vibrant form of the 1982 World Cup.

COMMENTARY



David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent

A national manager's loyalty tends, of course, to be exaggerated because he is, if anything, in a more vulnerable position than even a club manager. Matches are relatively infrequent, and the emphasis upon each of them is therefore more intense. It is less easy to retreat, like the club manager, behind the statement: "We will/he will be different next week."

The national manager, unless singularly detached, places an emotional dependence upon his best players, regarding them as the buoyancy tanks on which the balance and thrust of the whole ship depends. It becomes difficult to acknowledge that maybe one of the buoyancy tanks is holed.

International football is punctuated with instances of managers casting a Nelsonian eye upon evidence they prefer to ignore: sometimes, but by no means always, with success.

Billy Wright, who emerged in the post-war England team like a surplus Churchill tank, undoubtedly reached his century of caps, as a relatively limited wing-half/centre-half, thanks to Walter Winterbottom's unquestioning loyalty. The inter-dependence of manager and captain is often reflected by the captain's echoing loyalty. When Winterbottom finished a tactical talk, he would usually say, "Any comment, Bill?" and while Carter, Finney and others threw glances at one another, Wright would dutifully say, "No, I think you've covered everything, Walter."

Ramsey, with even more justification, leaned enormously on the experience and judgement of Moore, and found it painful when Moore's pace and touch was seen to be in decline in a qualifying tie in Katowice in 1973 to contemplate his replacement. Even Moore's colleagues in the team believed he should stay, yet the time had come for him to make way for a younger man. Reality can be cruel.

Reputations eventually count for nothing

There are endless examples of fine players being retained by managers beyond the moment of benefit: Orlando and Santos from the great Brazilian side of 1958 for the 1966 tournament in England; Amancio, of Spain, Masson, of Scotland, in 1978; Graziani, of Italy, in 1982, Zico and Rossi in 1986.

Ron Greenwood, in 1982, had a misplaced loyalty to Keegan, whose form in the final warm-up match in Finland had been suspect, and the FA became involved in Bilbao in a cover-up story about Keegan's fitness which was, in sport, wholly unnecessary, and which set an unfortunate precedent for hedging about Bryan Robson's fitness in Mexico last year, and again this week.

Certainly, there were moments on Wednesday night when the old influence was there: the first-time hooked pass to Lineker, which nearly brought a goal in the first half. But too often Robson's timing was astray, with missed tackles or passes, and by the end of the match, there was the sight of Turkish players running away from him.

Reputations, sadly, eventually count for nothing, and the problem for manager and captain is whether, at 30, Bryan Robson is ever going to recapture that ferocious snap in his performance which made him exceptional. I suspect he is not, nice though it would be to be believe he will again score those vital goals from midfield.

There is now a trace of lethargy in his legs, and the stoop of his shoulders. English League football drains you. Before the end of next season, the manager may have to decide whether his captain still carries his weight in the team. It is the harshest decision any manager has to make, but reality cannot be hidden behind post-match euphoria in a down-market tie in Izmir.

England to ask for Wrexham

By Ian Ross

Mike England will next week ask the Welsh Football Association to allow the crucial European championship qualifying game against Denmark in September to be played at Wrexham's Racecourse Ground. England, the Welsh team manager, is adamant that his side's chances of progressing through to next year's European championship finals in West Germany will be enhanced if the game is played at the small stadium — a venue where Wales have not been beaten during his seven years in charge.

However, the indications are that the Welsh governing body, when they meet on May 5, will reject his appeals just as they did in September, 1985, when the World Cup qualifying game against Scotland was held at Cardiff against the wishes of both the manager and the players.

"We believe that by playing what will obviously be a vital game at Wrexham we will stand a far better chance of winning," England said.

With the prospect of another massive pay day if the game is played in Cardiff — the Scotland tie netted approximately £400,000 — the fear is that England may once again find himself overruled.

Wednesday night's 1-1 draw with Czechoslovakia, coupled with group six favourites Denmark's 1-0 win in Finland, saw Wales deposed as leaders, but England remains confident about his side's chances.

"We are still in with a chance, but by dropping a point in midweek it means that we will have to beat Denmark at home and win one of our two remaining away games," he said.

England revealed that no fewer than four of the side he fielded on Wednesday night were playing with injuries.

"Van Den Hauwe, James, Nicholas and Slatter were not 100 per cent fit," he said. "We only had one full day in which to prepare as opposed to the three weeks of uninterrupted preparation Czechoslovakia enjoyed. I think the day must surely come when the English League programme is suspended on the Saturday before international games."

Robson awaits League ruling to stop club games before Yugoslavia match

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

England's destiny in the European championship qualifying series now lies as much in the hands of the domestic authorities as in Belgrade. Bobby Robson feels that his side's preparations for the tie against Yugoslavia on November 11 will be as crucial and potentially decisive as the group four fixture itself.

Earlier this season he asked if the relevant first division games on the preceeding Saturday could be postponed. On Wednesday night, he repeated his request for his squad to be allowed "that weekend off" and he is now waiting to hear whether it will be granted.

The matter will be put forward by the Football Association and discussed again by the Football League and yesterday a League spokesman could offer nothing more optimistic than to suggest that "it would be viewed sympathetically." In no other European country would there be an initial delay, let alone the need for second thoughts.

Robson accepts that "you cannot change our system", but he considers that in future, "the England manager should have a couple of internationals a season in which we meet the opposition on their terms". On the Continent, weekend programmes before competitive ties are suspended automatically — often, even before friendly matches.

Since his team have recently been settled, successful and comparatively free of injury, the lack of time in which to practise has had little effect. But the troubles that came back to haunt Robson before and during the visit to Turkey have damaged England's prospects of reaching the finals.

He knew that in April his men would resemble troops walking back from the front line, suffering either from the wounds of war or from battle fatigue. They were in no condition to take on opponents any more competent than the Turks, whose recent improvement has been little short of astonishing.



Bobby Robson, with players Anderson, Sansom, Beardsley, Woods and Adams, shows England's new Umbro kit, made from ICI Tactel, which makes its debut against Brazil on May 19; it has mandarin style collars and scarlet and blue trimmings (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

More than half of his outfield players (Hoddle, Lineker, Mabbutt, Bryan Robson, Sansom and Waddle) were far from fully fit. Indeed, Sansom, protected and rested by Arsenal during the last few weeks, is to have an operation today in an attempt to remove his protracted pelvic complaint.

"We were showing the signs of wear and tear after a long, hard season," Robson said. "That is why I didn't want us to be playing Yugoslavia this week. As it is, we did well not to lose. I would have been eminently satisfied with a 1-0 victory."

Although he agreed that the goalless draw was "a slight disappointment" — particularly in view of Yugoslavia's win in Belfast — two individual performances delighted him. Within 90 minutes, he learned that he has a goalkeeper who is a more-than-capable deputy and an answer to his central defensive problem.

As well as handling with ease the three shots that came his way, Woods looked a comfortingly commanding figure in his area. He is now ready to step out of the shadow of Shilton, a 37-year-old who is unsettled at Southampton and approaching the end of his career.

Mabbutt emerged as a potentially perfect foil for Butcher. "He was excellent and so brave it was frightening," Robson said. "He covered for Adams and he used the ball well. I didn't miss Butcher and that is the best thing I could have said about him."

The absence of Beardsley was, as expected, the biggest loss. Although he has a torn hamstring, he has not yet been ruled out of next month's games against Brazil and Scotland. If he fails to recover, his replacement is more likely to be Hateley than the unfortunate Allen.

Although Robson conceded that the link between his chosen strike-force did not work, he stated that it would be "unfair to judge Allen on one game after one practise session." Yet, will he and his side be given more breathing space in November?

Bingham pleased despite defeat

By George Ace

Billy Bingham shrugged off Northern Ireland's 2-1 defeat at Windsor Park on Wednesday night by Yugoslavia in a group four European championship game, saying that he was pleased with his team's performance and the signs were encouraging for the future.

It is difficult to disagree with the manager. The Irish controlled the game throughout the first half and their first goal in their fourth match in the competition was scant reward for 45 minutes of totally committed football.

The twin strike force of Clarke, of Southampton, and Wilson, of Ipswich Town, gave promise of better things to come.

Bingham hinted there may be a September international against West Germany before the concluding two games in the championship against Yugoslavia away (October 14) and Turkey at home (November 11).

Clarke put Northern Ireland ahead in the 39th minute. Campbell crashed a fierce drive against an upright, the ball rebounding to Clarke lurking just inside the area. He controlled the ball superbly and drove it wide of Ivkovic, a competent goalkeeper, into the corner of the net.

But the second half was only two minutes old when the Irish transgressed just outside the penalty area and Stojkovic curled the ball over the wall and into the net high off an upright. Dunlop had no chance, nor could the part-time Irish League player be faulted when a flick header from the Yugoslav captain, Zlata Vujovic, following a corner, flashed into the net with some 12 minutes remaining.

Molby's goal could prove crucial

A goal direct from a free kick by Jan Molby, of Liverpool, was enough to give Denmark a 1-0 win over Finland in Helsinki, and the lead in group six of the qualifying tournament for the European championship.

Poland's 1-0 defeat in Athens means they will struggle to qualify from group five, especially as The Netherlands beat Hungary 2-0 in Rotterdam. Arnold Muhren, the former Ipswich midfield player, clinched Holland's victory with a spectacular second-half shot.

The defending champions, France, gained their first victory in group three at the expense of Iceland, by 2-0, but still have little little hope of making next year's finals as the Soviet Union beat East Germany by the same score. The big game in group one ended with Romania 3-1 winners over Spain in Bucharest. Both teams now have six points from four games.

Everton's title march hit by Sheedy injury

By Ian Ross

Everton's bid to complete the seizure of Liverpool's League crown was hit by an almost inevitable set-back yesterday. Kevin Sheedy, the Republic of Ireland international, has already been ruled out of tomorrow's home game against troubled Manchester City and Monday's Bank Holiday trip to Norwich City.

Sheedy, who scored Everton's only goal in last weekend's Merseyside derby defeat at Anfield, is still troubled by fluid on the knee, a problem which forced him to withdraw from the Republic of Ireland squad for Wednesday night's European championship qualifier against Belgium. Sheedy underwent a cartilage operation in late January and has only recently returned to the first team.

"Kevin is still suffering from some discomfort and will miss both matches," Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, said. "Obviously, this is bitterly disappointing for us because we rate him very highly indeed. I remain very hopeful that he will be available for our last two League games."

Reid, the England midfield player, who would almost certainly have played in Turkey on Wednesday afternoon but for a shin injury sustained last Saturday, is now recovered and will play tomorrow.

Despite last weekend's reversal, Everton could be installed as the new English champions by Monday evening. If they win tomorrow and Liverpool lose against Coventry at Highfield Road, they require only a draw at Carrow Road on Monday to ensure the title goes to Goodison Park.

Even a victory tomorrow may not be enough for Liverpool, who have played one game more than Everton and who also have an inferior goal difference. Kenny Dalglish is unlikely to announce his starting line-up until shortly before kick-off, but with his squad severely reduced by injuries he would appear to have few options.

Nicol, the Scottish international defender, who has not played a senior game since undergoing a stomach muscle operation in mid-December, still has an outside chance of returning to action before the end of the season.

Kendall, who is poised to lead Everton to a second championship triumph in three seasons, said: "Last Saturday's defeat is behind us and we are looking forward to the weekend games. It is still very much in our own hands."

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Today League

Fourth division

Cambridge v Cardiff (7.45) .....
Scunthorpe v Hereford .....
Stockport v Hartlepool .....
Tranmere v Orient .....

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Bradford v Blackpool.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Southport v Burton.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Worcester v Alvechurch. Midland division: Leicester United v Hednesford. Southern division: Ruislip v Dover.
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Concours Trophy: Final: Chipstead v Farleigh (at Woking).
ESSO UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: Wales v Republic of Ireland (at Newbridge, 2.30).

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
11.0. 102 overs minimum
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Warwickshire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Glamorgan.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Middlesex.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Derbyshire.
HOVE: Sussex v Gloucestershire.

OTHER MATCHES

11.30 to 5.30 or 6.0
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Northamptonshire.
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Hampshire.
Second XI Championship
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Somerset.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire.
LEEDS: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire.

HANDBALL

SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEAGUE (two-week): Yuill and Dodd Satellites v Tryst (8.0).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division men: Portsmouth Hearseal v Polonia (8.30).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: George Wimpey ABA Finals (at Wembley Arena).
CYCLING: English Riviera classic (at Torbay).
GOLF: WPGA Ford classic (at Woburn).
KARATE: European championships (at Exhibition centre, Glasgow).
SNOOKER: Embassy world professional championship (at Sheffield).
SQUASH RACKETS: Leeds Metro open championship (at Garforth, 6.0).
TABLE TENNIS: England v China (at Black Lion SC, Gillingham, Kent).
TENNIS: LTA tournament (at Surbiton).
WEIGHTLIFTING: Mayday International tournament (at Crystal Palace).

SPORT ON TV

AMATEUR BOXING: George Wimpey ABA championships, Wembley Arena. **BBC1:** 10.25pm.
RACING: 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races from Newmarket. **C4:** 2.30pm.
SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship, Sheffield. **BBC1:** 11.05am. **BBC2:** 2.15, 8.0 (not all regions) and 11.30pm.

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TENNIS

Lendl can find no cracks in the door

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Hamburg

Ivan Lendl, the world No. 1, reached the last eight of the German championships here yesterday but was locked out of the mandatory Press conference that should have ensued. The players have lavish new two-storey quarters (built in seven months at a cost of more than £1 million) which include a unisex hairdressing salon, a nursery — and a door leading to the conference room. When Lendl turned up the door could not be opened. Eventually, he decided to have a late lunch instead.

Players have to attend conferences only if requested by the Press. The leading players are always in demand, but, frankly, a few of them would be no great loss in a situation like yesterday's. Lendl's "laugh-ins" are a different matter. Far more genial off-court than he is on it, Lendl enjoys the two-way banter as much as the Press do. Some decent cues had been lined up yesterday. It was a pity they were wasted.

Lendl beat Jan Gunnarsson 6-2, 6-1. They had only two totally sound knees between them. One of Lendl's recently underwent surgery and one of Gunnarsson's has never quite recovered from practising with Bjorn Borg in 1979. Obviously, they did not have much of a match.

However, there was time to note how finicky Lendl can be about detail and neatness. His turn-out is immaculate except for the hair (which he cannot see) and he repeatedly communes with his racket strings and knocks the shale off his shoes. Lendl seems to go through a mental check-list before every rally. As an Army NCO he would be bad news at kit inspections.

Gunnarsson, once ranked 25th, is now 48th. Other formerly more prominent Swedes have also dropped down the list: Anders Jarryd, Henrik Sundstrom and Joakim Nystrom. On the other hand, Kent Carlsson, Mikael Pernfors, Ulf Stenlund and Jonas Svensson have moved up. The Swedish tide ebbs and flows. Only Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander have been constant. Yesterday Nystrom was beaten 7-6, 6-3 by Eduardo Bengoechea, of Argentina, who is better known as "Bengo", but has found it difficult to become well-known for anything.

In two of the last three big events at the Grand Prix — the United States championships and the Lipton tournament at Key Biscayne — Lendl and Miloslav Mecir have contested the men's singles final. That is scheduled to happen here, too. Yesterday Mecir won 7-6, 6-3 against Milan Srejber, his Davis Cup team-mate, who had two set points in the tie-break.

At 6ft 7½in, Srejber is the tallest player on the circuit. His first service is a very offensive weapon, but his size 13½ shoes tend to produce foot faults. Srejber's extensive reach when charging the net insisted on a precision that Mecir's lobs and passing shots could seldom attain in the first set.

In the second game of the second set Mecir played two winning lobs that were measured to an inch — and reacted by bouncing up and down with joy. If you know your Mecir, whose customary *mein* has an inscrutably aristocratic dignity, you will appreciate that he was indulging in an emotional outburst not far short of hysteria. Like the *A-Team* of the television series, Mecir savours the moment when a plan "comes together".

RESULTS: Third round: M Mecir (Cz) bt M Srejber (Cz), 7-6, 6-3; E Bengoechea (Arg) bt J Nystrom (Swe), 7-6, 6-3; I Lendl (Cz) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-2, 6-1; E Sanchez (Sp) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 6-2, 7-5; M Pernfors (Swe) bt P Cane (It), 7-5, 6-4; M Jaite (Arg) bt M Vajda (Cz), 6-2, 7-5.

First choice

Motherwell yesterday won the toss for choice of venue and will play Celtic in the BP Scottish Youth Cup final at Fir Park, on a date to be decided.

CRICKET

Miller narrowly misses steering Middlesex to safety at Old Trafford

By Richard Streeton

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire lead Middlesex by 209 runs.

Andrew Miller, who missed a century by three runs, was the only Middlesex batsman to stay long yesterday when they replied to Lancashire's 453 for 9 declared. After Mendis made the season's first double hundred, Middlesex struggled, and were dismissed for 244 just before the close and almost certainly will be asked to follow-on today.

Miller's sound stroke play and phlegmatic temperament over four hours were impressive as Middlesex struggled in poor light. He and Slack began confidently but once Slack was run out, Lancashire imposed increasing control. Hayhurst had Gatting and Carr caught behind and though Roseberry stayed 25 overs, he was always chafing at the bit and finally drove Simmons to mid-on.

Miller became bogged down in the 90s and eventually drove a catch to mid-on against McLeod, Lancashire's new West Indian fast bowler. Downton was then caught at slip and McLeod went on to make the follow-on inevitable by dismissing Edmonds and Hughes. McLeod was signed during the county's pre-season visit to Jamaica. He bowls left-arm, with a smooth action, and at times equalled the pace John Lever possessed five years ago.

Earlier, Hughes's decision to continue the Lancashire innings was predictable on this lifeless pitch, thus committing his bowlers to dismissing Middlesex twice, although he also knew he could be helped by occasional showers if the forecasters were right.

Lancashire batted another 75 minutes for 74 runs and lost six wickets in the hunt for quick runs. Daniel, with four wickets, benefitted among the Middlesex bowlers, his victims including O'Shaughnessy and Hughes in successive overs, as each tried to cut.

Mendis gave his first chance at 195, when Slack dropped him at deep mid-wicket off Fraser and he was almost left stranded on 199. McLeod ran himself out trying to give Mendis a second run and then Stanworth, the last man, had his pads rapped from his first ball.

Mendis in Daniel's next over survived a leg-before appeal and then hooked the next ball for his 24th four and Lancashire declared. Mendis, who made two double centuries for Sussex, batted for 465 minutes. Since the War, only Washbrook, on four occasions, the last time in 1952, and Clive Lloyd (1971), have made 200 for Lancashire in the championship at Old Trafford.

LANCASHIRE: First innings
G Fowler c and b Emburey 68
G D Mendis not out 203
J Abrahams c Downton b Edmonds 0
N Fairbrother c Fraser b Edmonds 88
S J O'Shaughnessy b Daniel 47
*D P Hughes c Downton b Daniel 2
A N Hayhurst c Gatting b Daniel 5
J Simmons c Slack b Fraser 2
I Folley b Daniel 8
K W McLeod run out 3
†J Stanworth not out 0
Extras (b 4, lb 14, nb 8) 26
Total (9 wkts dec) 453

Score at 100 overs: 298-3.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-127, 2-128, 3-290, 4-395, 5-398, 6-407, 7-414, 8-437, 9-449.
BOWLING: Daniels 22.2-4-69-4; Hughes 14-1-58-0; Fraser 27-4-105-1; Edmonds 34.3-85-2; Emburey 32-9-80-1; Gatting 7-0-32-0; Ross 1-0-4-0; Carr 1-0-1-0.

MIDDLESEX: First innings
W N Slack run out 26
A J T Miller c Mendis b McLeod 97
*M W Gatting c Stanworth b Hayhurst 7
J D Carr c Stanworth b Hayhurst 0
M A Roseberry c Folley b Simmons 25
†P R Downton c Simmons b Folley 21
J E Emburey not out 45
P H Edmonds c O'Shaughnessy b McLeod 5
S P Hughes b McLeod 0
W W Daniel c Stanworth b Hayhurst 0
A R C Fraser c Fairbrother b Hayhurst 2
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 8) 13
Total (84.5 overs) 244

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-79, 3-89, 4-146, 5-190, 6-192, 7-202, 8-212, 9-242.
BOWLING: McLeod 19-3-67-3; Hayhurst 14.4-6-27-4; O'Shaughnessy 12-2-31-0; Simmons 20-7-44-1; Folley 19-1-72-1.
Bonus points: Lancashire 7, Middlesex 3
Umpires: J W Holder and B Leadbeater

Students' struggle continues

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Those who argue the time has come for Oxford and Cambridge Universities to be deprived of first-class status had their case strengthened by another day of struggle from undergraduate batsmen at The Parks and Fenner's.

Oxford, replying to Hampshire's 312 for five declared, did manage to keep the county side in the field for most of the day — albeit with the help of stoppages for rain and bad light. Russell Morris, the newcomer, looked promising and reached 31 before Cowley's off spin trapped the batsman leg before — playing no stroke — in his first delivery.

Crawley, who bagged a pair in his first match against Kent, put that misfortune behind him with a stubborn 58, extending his side's total to 176 by the time he was last out. Hampshire decided against imposing the follow-on and will start today 177 ahead with all second-innings wickets in hand.

The early loss of Atherton, the one batsman so far to pass 50 for Cambridge this season, ruled out a serious challenge to the Northamptonshire first innings of 236 for eight declared. The University's top scorer was Clitheroe, the wicketkeeper — who made 36 on his debut — but in spite of his effort, the students were all out for 148, having failed to exceed 150 for the fifth time in six completed innings.

Bailey and Wild, the county openers, then showed how it should be done with a rapid, unbroken partnership of 141, so that at the close Northamptonshire led by 229.

Forgettable day for Glamorgan

By Ivo Tennant

CANTERBURY: Glamorgan, with eight second innings wickets in hand, are 218 runs behind Kent.

Kent's attack may be shorn of four Test bowlers — Dilley, Alderman and, for the present, Baptiste and Ellison — but it was good enough to make Glamorgan struggle all day. The follow-on was enforced and when bad light ended play at 5.15, Glamorgan needed a further 218 runs to make Kent bat again.

Batting yesterday was an onerous task. The light was murky, the ball came through more quickly, seamed and swung, and the pitch was livened up a little by a five minute shower.

It was not Underwood who was then given the ball. The soft bowlers continued, realising the fears of those — Botham and Fletcher included — who argue that leaving pitches uncovered will lead to less, rather than more, spin.

When Underwood belatedly came on, he took two wickets in an over. But by then, Glamorgan had lost eight wickets. Igglesden made the ball jump around and looked as quick as Thomas did on the first day. Kent are not tampering with Igglesden overmuch. His predecessor, Dilley, was obfuscated with conflicting advice at the same stage of his career.

Not one Glamorgan batsman looked comfortable. Kent took some good catches, especially one by Benson at gully that removed Holmes. Plenty went the way of the slips.

Kent enforced the follow-on and Glamorgan soon lost Morris to a brute of a ball from Igglesden. Butcher went to a dreadful shot, slashing at the same bowler outside off stump.

In the morning, Kent batted on for 35 mins until Cowdrey reached his century, made in 139 minutes with ten fours. He put on 162 in 34 overs with Marsh — whose unbeaten 72 was his highest score — without batting at his best. But here I must mind my P's and Q's since the newest edition to Kent's committee, W. F. Sale, is our old headmaster.

KENT: First innings
M R Benson lbw b Barwick 76
N R Taylor c Metson b Thomas 113
S G Hinks c Hopkins b Ontong 1
C J Tavare c Metson b Smith 10
D G Aslett lbw b Barwick 15
*C S Cowdrey not out 100
†S A Marsh not out 72
Extras (b 4, lb 10, w 1, nb 3) 18
Total (5 wkts) 407

Score at 100 overs: 282 for five.
C Penn, D L Underwood, A P Igglesden and K B S Jarvis did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-168, 2-181, 3-208, 4-223, 5-245.
BOWLING: Thomas 17-3-63-1; Smith 13-2-58-1; Barwick 28-8-74-2; Ontong 28-7-69-1; Shastri 29-8-80-0; Holmes 9-0-49-0.

GLAMORGAN: First innings
J A Hopkins c Hinks b Igglesden 5
*H Morris c Tavare b Jarvis 24
A R Butcher lbw b Jarvis 12
R J Shastri lbw Jarvis 15
R C Ontong c Benson b Penn 3
G C Holmes c Benson b Penn 4
M P Maynard c Hinks b Igglesden 29
J G Thomas c Aslett b Penn 5
†C P Metson b Underwood 14
I Smith c Benson b Underwood 16
S R Barwick not out 0
Extras (lb 3, w 2, nb 6) 11
Total (46 overs) 138

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-38, 3-48, 4-58, 5-67, 6-71, 7-77, 8-119, 9-138
BOWLING: Igglesden 14-3-35-2; Jarvis 15-3-49-3; Penn 10-1-36-3; Cowdrey 5-2-12-0; Underwood 2-1-3-2.

Second innings
J A Hopkins not out 29
*H Morris c Aslett b Igglesden 4
A R Butcher c Marsh b Igglesden 10
R J Shastri not out 3
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 2) 5

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Oxford Univ v Hants

THE PARKS: Hampshire, with all second innings wickets in hand, lead Oxford University by 177 runs.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings 343 for 5 dec (K D James 103 not, N G Cowley 96, V P Terry 71).
BOWLING: Henderson 17-1-81-2; Firth 18-4-48-0; Weale 16-5-50-0; Crawley 16-2-79-1; Edwards 15-2-63-1; Tooley 2-0-16-1.

Second innings
*M C J Nicholas not out 9
C L Smith not out 1
Total (0 wkts) 10

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First innings
D A Hagan c Smith b Connor 0
R E Morris lbw b Cowley 31
M J Kilborn b Tremlett 4
*C D M Tooley lbw b Cowley 14
M A Crawley c Smith b Maru 58
R D Sandesara c Smith b Cowley 15
S D Weale c sub b Cowley 0
T Firth b Andrew 10
I Henderson c Parks b Connor 3
P G Edwards c Smith b Andrew 0
†J E B Cope not out 3
Extras (b 1, lb 16, nb 3) 20
Total 176

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-52, 3-71, 4-80, 5-116, 6-116, 7-141, 8-150, 9-151.
BOWLING: Connor 13-7-19-2; Cowley 18-6-35-4; Tremlett 11-3-20-1; Andrew 14-5-26-2; James 14-3-29-0; Maru 17-6-30-1.
Umpires: A A Jones and M J Kitchen.

Cambridge Univ v Northamptonshire

FENNER'S. Northamptonshire won toss.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings 236 for 8 dec (R J Boyce-Moss 77, R G Williams 69 not)

Second innings
R J Bailey not out 75
D J Wild not out 50
Extras (b 6, lb 3, w 1, nb 6) 16
Total (0 wkts) 141

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First innings
M A Atherton lbw b Capel 14
M S Ahluwalia lbw b Walker 4
D J Fell b Wild 7
P A C Bail lbw b Brown 19
R Bate c and b N G B Cook 15
S R Gorman c G Cook b Brown 13
T M Vergnese b Wild 2
†R Clitheroe lbw b Walker 36
P J Hart lbw b Walker 12
G A Pointer bowled Walker 2
*A M G Scott not out 0
Extras (b 6, lb 18) 24
Total 148

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-27, 3-42, 4-54, 5-79, 6-82, 7-105, 8-142, 9-147.
BOWLING: Capel 12-6-13-1; Walker 16 3-7-22-4; Wild 15-9-11-2; Boyd-Moss 9-7-8-0; Bailey 4-2-8-0; N G B Cook 22-7-37-1; Brown 13-5-25-2.
Umpires: B Hassan and R Julian.

Sussex v Gloucester

HOVE: Sussex, with all first innings wickets in hand, are 315 runs behind Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings 329 for 7 dec (P Bainbridge 134 not, P W Romaines 81, J W Lloyds 51)

SUSSEX: First innings
R I Alikhan not out 4
A M Green not out 6
Extras (b 4) 4
Total (no wkt, 8 overs) 14

P W G Parker, A P Wells, C M Wells, D K Standing, *†I J Gould, D A Reeve, G S le Roux, A C S Pigott and C I O Ricketts to bat.
Bonus points: Sussex 3, Gloucestershire 4
Umpires: R Palmer and D R Shepherd



Victory jig: Scarborough's chairman Terry Wood celebrates his club's promotion

Chairman claims full-timers are a luxury in fourth division

Scarborough determined to usher in new part-time era

By Paul Newman

Scarborough, the first club to win automatic promotion into the Football League since its formation 99 years ago, are hoping to lead the game into a new era.

The Yorkshire club's chairman, Terry Wood, whose team won the GM Vauxhall Conference championship and this season's new prize of promotion when Barnet failed to beat Stafford Rangers on Wednesday night, said yesterday: "I want to pioneer part-time football in the Football League. It doesn't make sense any more to employ full-time players in the fourth division. There will soon be clubs going bankrupt every other week if they don't change."

Even the Scarborough manager, Neil Warnock, a self-employed chiropodist, is likely to stay part-time. "I'm a firm believer in semi-professional football," he said. "I think you get much better value at Conference games in terms of quality of football and excitement than at some League matches. When professional players of limited ability train all week it's not surprising that they lose some of their originality. You can do too much coaching."

Scarborough believe they can satisfy the strict stadium and financial criteria which the League have set in order for the Conference champions to be promoted. Their 10,000-capacity ground, which boasts a 1,000-seat stand built at a cost of £278,000 eight years ago, is already better equipped than many in the fourth division and they are ready to raise the £50,000 which will be needed for new turnstiles and fences.

The League are also insisting that promoted Conference clubs have a share capital of £100,000, which many of their own clubs do not have. Scarborough currently have £27,000 issued and say they have sufficient reserves to meet the deficit.

For many years they have been one of the most profitable clubs in non-League football.

Scarborough have a great tradition of cup success — they played at Wembley in the FA Trophy final four times in the 1970s — but their last League championship was in 1963, when the present chairman played in the team that won the old North Eastern League.

The 1980s had been a quiet period in their 108-year history, with gates going down from an average of 2,224 seven years ago to 666 last season, last week, however, they drew a crowd of 3,764 and with the nearest League club, York City, 40 miles away they have enormous potential.

Nearly all the credit for the revival is given to Warnock, who joined last summer from Burton Albion. Warnock, aged 38, who went into chiropody after finishing an eight-club professional playing career in the lower reaches of the League, brought in 17 new players. Superbly organised and with a rock solid defence, they set a league record with an unbeaten run of 22 matches and, remarkably, won all their last 13 away games.

Tomorrow's final match of the season at home to Weymouth will begin a weekend of celebrations, but two sad thoughts will be at the back of chairman Wood's mind. First, he will be thinking of his predecessor, Barry Adamson, who four months ago died of a heart attack after trying to break up a fight in the crowd.

Second, he will be hoping that Burnley, currently bottom of the fourth division, will not be the club Scarborough replace. "They're a great club with a first division stadium and it would be a tragedy if they were relegated," he said.

ATHLETICS

Brasher is quick to defend marathon

Chris Brasher yesterday denied the Mars London marathon is lacking the quality of the recent Boston marathon. Boston was won by Toshihiko Seko, of Japan, while Steve Jones, of Britain, and Rob de Castella, the Australian world champion, also appeared in the United States, but Brasher, the London race director, said: "London has never been in better shape.

"Boston may have three times our budget, but we have greater strength in depth in both men's and women's events. Top marathoners are realizing it is not all about money, but about performance and satisfaction. I believe we have the finest field ever assembled for the Mars race."

Ingrid Kristiansen, of Norway, will attempt to break her own world record on May 10, and Brasher says De Castella will compete here next year.

More than 2,600 of the 28,000 entries have withdrawn, and Brasher estimates the field will be further reduced to manageable proportions in the next 10 days. He expects a starting line-up of between 20,000 and 21,000.

These include the event's first liver transplant patient, the former parairooper, John Jones, aged 22, from Liverpool, who saw service in Northern Ireland and in the Falklands.

Terry Marsh, the world light-welterweight boxing champion from Basildon, will also be among the starters from Greenwich to Westminster Bridge. The Tilbury fireman will run in aid of his local charity, the St Lukes Hospice, to help raise the £250,000 that it needs to survive.

Marsh, who has already raised £10,000 in sponsorship towards the appeal, also wants to use the marathon as part of his training schedule for what he terms his last bout after a career spanning 20 years.

He has always maintained that once he became world champion — something he achieve by beating Joe Louis Manley in March — he would defend once and then retire.

The International Boxing Federation's world champion will be backed in his run by policemen from Benfleet. He ran his last marathon in 3hr 9min, but this time, because of his boxing training, he is to pace himself to under four hours. He has been running about 40 miles a week. "I know that I can run the marathon without too much difficulty and the hospice needs the money," he said.

His appearance in the marathon will still have to be in a rush — he will then start his fireman's shift at 6pm. "I hope it will be a quiet night."

GOLF

Schroder makes an astonishing entry

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Cathrine Schroder, of Norway, made an astonishing start to her Women's PGA career when she holed in one during the second round of the Ford Classic, on the Duke's course at Woburn Golf and Country Club yesterday.

The six-iron shot which she holed at the 12th helped Miss Schroder to a 73, which left her only four shots behind Penny Grice-Whittaker and Corinne Dibnah, of Australia, who shared the halfway lead with 9-under par scores of 141.

Miss Schroder is one of only two professionals in Norway and her decision to leave the amateur ranks in January of this year was made after her country elected against entering a team for the women's World Team Championship in Venezuela.

It is likely to prove a highly profitable decision, especially as Miss Schroder, a personable blue-eyed blonde, has already attracted sponsorship which includes being supported by La Quinta Timeshare at the La Manga club in southern Spain, where she is able to practice.

The importance of such a facility cannot be overstated, as golf has only a five-month season in Norway, where 24 clubs share nine courses, with only three of them stretching to the full 18 holes. "We don't build more because the rabbits and the elks have got to have somewhere to live!" she said.

Miss Schroder, now aged 24, has been playing since the age of 13 and she was taught by David Lloyd, the former Oxted professional who is now attached to the Oslo club. Even so, with splendid innocence she handed the praise for her 73 to her caddy, Rick Mackenzie, by saying: "I owe it all to him. He is very good. He is Scottish but I understand him because he speaks good English."

Clearly Miss Schroder is hoping to capture the £4,500 first prize, although she is already £1,000 richer courtesy of the Perrier H'eau'le in one award. So is Christine Sharp, who was born only a few miles down the road at Bedford, as she, too, achieved a hole in one with a five-iron shot at the ninth.

It was a stroke of genius which helped Miss Sharp to transform her position. In the space of nine holes from the seventh, she made up eight shots on par and with a 69, finished with a half-way score of 151.

"I really thought I would be back in the office tomorrow," she said. "I'm semi-retired now. I cannot see myself playing many other tournaments this season. The only thing that worried me when the ball went in was the thought of honouring the tradition of buying champagne at the bar — there are 90 of us playing here!"

Mrs Grice-Whittaker notched four successive birdies from the fourth as she kept her act together to finish with a 71, in spite of taking a seven at the 13th. Miss Dibnah deserved immense credit for her round of 71 — which included four birdies and one eagle — as she was still suffering from the migraine which kept her awake for most of the previous evening.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (GB unless stated): 141: P Grice-Whittaker, 70, 71. C Dibnah (Aus), 70, 71. 143: G Stewart, 74, 69. 144: K Douglas, 75, 69. 145: D Heinicke (US), 71, 74. C Schroder (Nor), 72, 73. 146: B Huke, 72, 74, L Benen (Ire), 73, 73. 147: V Marvin, 74, 73; D Reid, 73, 74; S Strupwick, 74, 73, R Comstock (US), 75, 72; P Johnson, 73, 74. 148: M Wannersten (Swe), 75, 73, C Panton, 75, 73, P Nilsson (Swe), 72, 76; M Thomson, 75, 73; Maxine Burton, 73, 75. 149: B Helbig (WG), 74, 75; L Davies, 79, 70. 150: B New, 75, 75, E Glass (Zimbabwe), 77, 73; S Dassu (It), 73, 77, L Wilson (Aus), 73, 77; J Sevil (Aus), 76, 74; B Salmon (US), 76, 74.

Torrance putts to course record

Milan — A magnificent display of putting enabled Sam Torrance to break his own course record in the £150,000 Italian Open championship at Monticello yesterday.

Torrance reduced the 7,054 yard parkland course to an eight-under-par 64 to shave a shot off the previous best he set in Wednesday's pro-am. No one was more surprised than Torrance, who has suffered nightmares on the greens since sinking the 18ft putt which won the Ryder Cup for Europe at the Belfry in 1985.

"I've kept telling myself to be patient and it would come right," Torrance, who used his putter only 26 times, said. He added: "I've strengthened my grip on the putter and now stand a little straighter and the result was the best putting of my life."

The Scot, aged 33, has suffered all sorts of frustrations with an immaculate game through the green, but often ruined by indifferent putting. He finished runner-up in this event two years ago and now has the springboard to go one better.

While Torrance revelled on the receptive greens his playing partner, Sandy Lyle, fared 10 shots worse with a 74.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES: (GB and N Ireland unless stated) 64: S Torrance (Sco). M Mannin (Sp), A Rivero (Sp), L Jones 70: M Clayton (Aus), A Saavedra (Arg), R Lee, D Williams, M Allen 71: A Rocasio (It), J G Leary, V Fernandez (Arg), W Adcock, S Tinning (Den), G Lewerson (SA) 72: P Terawanen (US), M McLean, J Angladа (Sp), P Way, J Nicklaus Jnr (US), N Hansen, A Murray, R Campagnoli (It), P Harrison 73: B Marchbank, J Slaughter (US), T Charnley, W Longmuir, S Bennett, M Roe 74: J Tumba (Swe), E Dussart (Fr), P Curry, A Lyle, L Figari, D Cooper, J Spence 75: G Coprandi (It), G Cali (It), J Bland (SAf), M Few, C Moody 76: I Mosey, N Briggs, R Stellen (US), P Molteni (It).

BOXING

Oyebola under watch at ABA finals night

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Professional scouts will be out tonight sizing up talent at the 99th ABA finals at Wembley. Having depleted the amateur stock by signing up the promising boxers before and after last year's Commonwealth Games, the scouts will be struggling to find Lloyd Honeyghans, Herol Grahams and Frank Brunos.

There are four titleholders and 17 new finalists. Of the champions, John Lyon (fly-weight) is trying to become the first man this century to win six titles; Mark Epton (light fly-weight) is going for his treble; James Moran (heavy) and James Oyebola (super heavy) are going for their second titles. Rod Douglas (middleweight), a former champion, is going for his fourth championship.

The most appealing to the professionals are Lyon and Oyebola, particularly Oyebola. Everybody likes a heavyweight, especially one who can hit. Oyebola knocked out Nicky Howard, of Bargoed, in the first round in the semi-finals and if he does the same to John Shakespeare, of Warley, he could be snapped up for Tyson-fodder.

Lyon is the best boxer but he has the look of the confirmed amateur about him. He will almost certainly go to the Seoul Olympic Games. He meets a tough Scot in John McLean, of the Army.

Douglas is also on the professionals' list but he has disappointed too often even when winning. He meets John Carr, of Grangetown, and could be given a hard bout. Douglas would do well to put off signing forms till after the Olympics.

Of the new finalists, Colin McMillan (feather) and Henry Akinwande (heavy), both Londoners, could impress. McMillan is all fancy footwork and showboating — a pain in the neck for amateur judges but could be a shot in the arm for the professionals. He has a tough bout against Peter English, from the north-west, but should win.

Akinwande knocked out Kevin McCormack in the first round in the semi-finals

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FOR THE RECORD

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Wimbledon 38 (A Jolly 9, R Tatum 8, R Jones 8) Stoke 40 (D Richardson 11, P Collins 10, Long Eaton 37 (G Doyle 12, M Evans 11) Arena Essex 41 (A Silver 15, G Chessell 9)

YACHTING

HYERES: Olympic week regatta: 470, Women: 1 P Perra A Barabino (It) 21, 2 T Zabell S Yllera (Sp) 3 P Harcevaer C Perrow (EG). British placings: 8 C Forster and J Patton 23 D Shelcock and A Campbell Tornado: 1 W Van Blaadel, C Van Bladel (Neth) 2, R Smyth, J Glaser (US), 3 R Giacpier, H Phone (WG) British placings: 8 J Richards, T Hancock, 18, I Gray, M Bishop 19 R Wraps, J Heesman Flying Dutchman: 1, A Bazali, P Lang (WG), 2 M Celon, C Celon (It) 3 J Schonmeir, M Poulsen (Den) British placings: 12 J Turner, P Allan, 14, R Yeoman, N Burgin 27 N Henderson, A Bowyers Sailboards: 1 H Pungeen (Fr) 2 J Davidson (Swe) 3 M Pennell (Fr) British placings 22 S Doody 27 S Blake Soling: 1 T Boydorris with D Desgagnes, D Demaris (Can) 2, T Durnford with M Mamesimm, S Harma (Fin) 3 H Fogh with S Carder, M Lammens (Can). British placings 4 C Law with J Richards, E Loasb, 8 P Creppon with J Fahrner, J Wranwarg-Fisher, 29 G Charles with R McMullen, A Beadsworth
Fire: 1 L Crespin (GB) 2 L Hoormans (Den) 3 W Lungerhell (WG). Other British placings: 8 S Challenger, 11 T Tranter, 15 Mair 4780 1, T Peponnet, L Pillot (Fr) 2 B Hoost, F Ebar (EG), 3, J-M Monnard, J-P Ryter (Switz). British placings: 9, N Buckley, P Newlands, 23 M Holmes, D Stewart, 24 A Stead, A Hemmings

SQUASH

DARFORTH: Leeds Metro open championship: Semi-finals: Men: M Shipley bt P Hall, 10-8, 9-3, 2-9, 9-6, R Robertson bt D Hayes, 9-6, 3-9, 9-4, 9-4. Women: C Brotherton bt N Dudley 9-1, 9-4, 9-2, S Chamberlain bt C Whittaker 9-6, 9-5, 9-7.
WORLD GRAND PRIX PLACINGS: 1 J Khan (Pak), 3,300pts; 2 R Norman (NZ), 2,320; 3 S Dennington (NZ), 1,693.5; 4, R Martin (Aus) 1,427.3; 5, C Robertson (Aus) 1,292.5; 6, C Dittrige (Aus), 1,093.8; 7, G Brans (Eng) 909.3; 8, J Hickins (Eng), 845.2; 9, J Khan (Pak) 813.5; 10, P Kenyon (Eng), 800

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying rounds: Group one: Austria 1 Albania 0, Romania 3 Spain 1. Group three: France 2 Iceland 0, Soviet Union 2 East Germany 0. Group four: Turkey 0 England 0, N Ireland 1 Yugoslavia 2. Group five: Greece 1 Poland 0, The Netherlands 2 Hungary 0. Group six: Denmark 1, Finland 0. Group six: Wales 1 Czechoslovakia 1. Group seven: Republic of Ireland 0 Belgium 0.
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Spain 1 Romania 0.
OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCH: Group B: Portugal 0 East Germany 0.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Barnet 1, Stafford 2, Cheltenham 1, Sutton United 2, Gateshead 2, Kidderminster 4.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: League 1 Harlow 3, Bromley 1, Windsor and Eton 1. Second division north: Chesham 1, Lincoln City 0, Cedar Row 0, Hayingby Borough 0.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Nemenham Forge 5, Hull 0, Grimsby 7, Leicester City 1. Second division: Darlington 2, Rudows field 1, Doncaster 1, Bradford 4, Port Vale 2, Barnsley 5, Preston 2, Notts County 0, Rotherham 0, Blackpool 0, York 2, Stoke 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall 0, Tottenham Hotspur 1, Oxford United 1, Queen's Park Rangers 3, Southampton 0, Chelsea 5, Watford 2, Brighton 0, Fulham 3, Swindon 3, Charlton 4, Ipswich 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President's Cup: Final, second leg: Macclesfield 2, Marine 1 (aet, agg 2-1).
GMAC CUP: Semi-finals: Aylesbury 0, Kettering 2, Hendon 3, Burton 1 (aet).
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chard 5, Mentmore 0, Maidenhead 1, Weston-super-Mare 3, Torrington 2, Braintree 0, Radstock 1, Bristol City 2.
ESSEX LEAGUE: Clyn Manor 1, Folc 1, Woodford 0, Purfleet 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Halesowen 2, Gloucester 0, Hednesford 5, Forest Green 2. Southern division: Tonbridge 4, Dover 2.
ITALIAN CUP: Quarter-final, first leg: Napoli 3, Bologna 0, Atalanta 1, Parma 0, Cagliari 1, Juventus 1, Cremonese 1, Inter Milan 1.
MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LOC: Cardiff City 2, Torquay 1, Exeter City 3, Plymouth Argyle 1.

ATHLETICS

ADIDAS MID-WEEK CHALLENGE (Sun): Men: 1 P Fleming (Bellahouston Harriers) 14min 14sec, 2 C Robson (Sparge Valley) 14.30, 3 G Bradwood (Bellahouston Harriers) 14.37. Veteran: J Adair (Bellahouston Harriers) 15.22. Women: 1 Y Murray (Edinburgh AC) 15.25. Veteran: K Chapman (Giffnock North).
CRYSTAL PALACE: Southern Counties 3,000m championship: 1 J Stanning (Southampton) 8min 06.7sec, 2 T Glasspoole (Woking) 8.09.3, 3 P Clarke (Hercules Wimbledon) 8.12.7

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Cleveland Indians 6 Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto Blue Jays 8 Minnesota Twins 1, Kansas City Royals 5 Baltimore Orioles 4, Texas Rangers 6 New York Yankees 2, Detroit Tigers 2 California Angels 1, Milwaukee Brewers 8 Oakland Athletics 7, Boston Red Sox 11 Seattle Mariners 5. National League: Chicago Cubs 8 San Francisco Giants 4, Atlanta Braves 5 Cincinnati Reds 2, Philadelphia Phillies 5, Montreal Expos 0, Los Angeles Dodgers 10 Pittsburgh Pirates 2, New York Mets 3 Houston Astros 1, St Louis Cardinals 10 San Diego Padres 6.

BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Association (NBA): Play-offs: First round (best of five): Eastern conference: Milwaukee Bucks 101 Philadelphia 76ers 120 (Bucks win series 2-1). Central Pistons 97, Washington Bullets 96 (Pistons win series 3-0). Indiana Pacers 96 Atlanta Hawks 87 (Pacers lead series 2-1). Western conference: Los Angeles Lakers 141 Denver Nuggets 103 (Lakers win series 3-0). Golden State Warriors 110, Utah Jazz 99 (Utah lead series 2-1).

TABLE TENNIS

BLETCHLEY: England v China, international match (England beat China 5-4). Men's singles: Liang Liguang (China) beat J Carrington 21-19, 21-19, 21-19. D Flack beat Chen Longcan 21-19, 21-19, 21-19. Chen Longcan beat Carrington 21-19, 21-19, 21-19. Liang Liguang beat Flack 21-19, 21-19, 21-19. Result: England 2 China 3.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Stanley Cup play-offs: Detroit Red Wings 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 0 (Toronto lead best-of-seven series 3-2).
VIENNA: World Championships: Pool A: Relegation play-offs: Finland 7, Switzerland 2.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: upper runs, snow cover patchy wet snow middle runs snow cover patchy wet snow lower slopes, base of very little, vertical runs, 200m; lifts open, main roads clear, snow level 200m. Glenshee, Glencoe and Lecht: not inished. Forecast for today: sunny at first, becoming cloudy during afternoon heavy showers in evening, falling as sleet or snow above 1,000ft, freezing level 2,500ft falling to 1,500ft in evening, wind westerly fresh, becoming south-westerly strong or gale force by dusk. Outlook for tomorrow: cloudy with heavy showers or longer periods of snow, freezing level 1,000ft, wind becoming northerly with severe gales developing on higher slopes, causing much drifting.
● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Last night's racing

Wincanton
Going: firm

5.30 (2m hdle) 1, Chief Pel (P Scudamore 4-5 fav). 2, Cuckoo In The Nest (12-1). 3, Bold Archer (8-1). 21 ran. 6l, 1½. N Gaselee. T

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle



Bubbling high spirits: Julie Walters and the real-life madam Cynthia Payne: The Making of a Celebrity (BBC2, 10.20pm)

Voyage around a madam

● I feared that **Personal Services – The Making of a Celebrity** (BBC2, 10.20pm) would be yet another plug for the best publicised movie of 1987, but it is stranger that that and more ambitious. Strange, because the programme lasts only 20 minutes and gives the impression of a larger project that got shoehorned. Ambitious, because it tries to explore deeper reasons for the intense public interest in the Madam of Streatham, Cynthia Payne ("played" in the film by Julie Walters). The lady herself maintains that men want sex and women want money and all she was doing was putting the two together. Terry Jones, director of *Personal Services*, is interviewed for the 1,087th time and, not surprisingly, struggles to say anything fresh. That leaves the way clear for the Beeb's resident psychiatrist, Professor Anthony Clare, to pontificate about Freud and male urges. Clare is such a marvellous screen performer it is a wonder Terry Jones did not sign him up for the movie.

● About **After Dark** (Channel 4, midnight) we must all be in the dark, since it is both live and open ended. Based on an Austrian example, it is a superior chat show in which burning issues are thrashed out to the death. Tonight's topic is "Secrecy" and the thrashers are Clive Ponting, Peter Hain and former Army intelligence officer Colin Wallace.

Peter Waymark

CHOICE

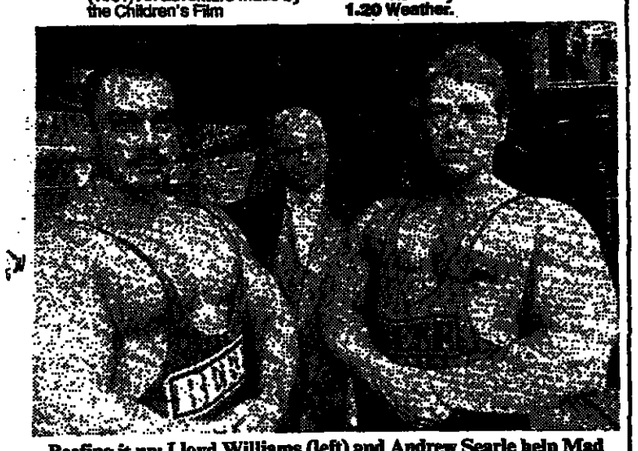
● *Peter Davalle writes:* The June Knox-Mawer interview series **Father and Daughter** (Radio 4, 4.05pm), although only a week old, has already hit the target bang in the centre with its exploration of the relationship between Sheila Lochhead and her sire, Ramsay MacDonald, Labour's first incumbent in No 10. It's the little touches that matter – father telling daughter she must get her stocking seams straight when speaking at public meetings and that, to save leather, she must take off her shoes on stony roads; father playing records of *My ain folk* over the breakfast porridge. And daughter, representing father at a get-together in the Berlin chancellory, pouring tea for Hitler because his own hands were shaking so much.



Ramsay MacDonald: on Radio 4, 4.05pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.40 Friday Prayers for Ramadan 1407 AH. The first of a new series of four programmes introduced by HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal. **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time . National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05 Day to Day.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on direct action protest. **9.45 Advice Line** with Paul Clark and Eileen Evason.
10.00 News and weather **10.05 Neighbours.** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC.** With Andy Crane. **10.30 Play School** . (r) **10.50 Paddington.** (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Joanna Lumley with a thought for the day. **11.00 News** and weather.
11.05 World Snooker. The second session of the first semifinal of the Embassy World Professional Championship. Includes news and weather at 12.00. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25 Neighbours.** George Young has dinner at Eileen's flat. **1.50 Mop and Smiff.** (r)
2.05 Knots Landing. Chip reveals a devastating secret about his private life. **2.55 Film 87.** Prick Up Your Ears; and Jumpin' Jack Flash are reviewed. (r) **3.25 Box Clever.** Family quiz show presented by Emlyn Hughes.
3.50 Comers. Young people's queries answered **4.10 Ulysses 31.** (r)
4.35 Film: 4-D Special Agent (1981) An adventure made by the Children's Film Foundation about a group of children who help capture a gang of robbers. Directed by Harold Orton. **5.35 The Flintstones.**
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. The guests are Lulu, Ernie Wise, and Rupert Holmes, the stars and the writer of the new musical, The Mystery of Edwin Drood; and Arkadi Maslennikov, the London correspondent of Pravda.
7.35 Every Second Counts. Comedy quiz show presented by Paul Daniels.
8.10 Dynasty. Blake, armed with Emily's incriminating letter, aims to gatecrash Alexis's modest little celebration. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Whicker's World: Living With Uncle Sam. Part six of the ten programme series in which Alan Whicker meets Britons who have made their home in the United States. (r) (Ceefax)
10.25 Amateur Boxing. The George Wimpey ABA Championships 1987 from the Wembley Arena. The commentator is Harry Carpenter.
11.55 Film: Young Billy Young (1969) starring Robert Mitchum and Angie Dickinson. Western adventure about a hired gunman who is helped to escape from Mexico by a mysterious stranger. The stranger is then made marshal of a town and the young man is forced to make a decision between working within the law with the stranger or working against him outside of it. Directed by Burt Kennedy.
1.20 Weather.



Beefing it up: Lloyd Williams (left) and Andrew Searle help Mad Mick (Richard Ridings, centre) in The Ritz (BBC2, 9.30pm)

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Science - Elements Discovered. Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.**
10.04 Daytime on Two: mindstretchers **10.15.** A programme about Eskimos, adapted for the hearing impaired **10.38** The effect of the Ice Age on the landscape **11.00** A jockey's training establishment near Marseilles **11.40** How history students investigate the lives of their parents and grandparents.
12.00 How a television news reporter puts a story together **12.32** The Guardian Angels, New York's subway vigilantes **1.00 Ceefax 1.38** How a young gymnast is helped by a computer **2.00 News** and weather **2.02** For four- and five-year olds.
2.15 World Snooker begins with coverage of the first semifinal of the Embassy World Professional Championship. At **2.45** David Vine announces the winner of the Shot of the Championship competition; **3.00 News** and weather; **3.03** the second semifinal. Includes news, regional news, and weather at 3.50.
6.00 Film: Let George Do It' (1940) starring George Formby and Phyllis Calvert. Second World War comedy about a ukulele player who is mistaken for a secret agent in Norway. Directed by Marcel Varnel.
7.20 Cartoon Two. Boom.
7.30 The Education Programme presented by Sarah Kennedy includes Professor Ted Wragg investigating the reasons why Harrow LEA's came top of the exams 'league' in England and Wales.
8.00 World Snooker. Further coverage of the first semifinal.
8.30 Gardeners' World introduced by Geoff Hamilton and Anna Swithinbank. They start work on planting vegetables, herbaceous perennials, and half-hardy annuals; and David Antill explains how effective direct-sowing under plastic can be.
9.00 Now - Something Else. Comedy impressions.
9.30 The Ritz. Episode two of the six-part comedy drama about the owner of a disco and his battles with a rival establishment. (Ceefax)
10.20 Personal Services - The Making of a Celebrity. Joan Bakewell talks to the makers of the film based on the life of the Streatham Madam, Cynthia Payne. (see Choice)
10.40 Newsnight 11.25 Weather.
11.30 World Snooker. Highlights of the third session of the first semifinal and the latest from the second semifinal. Ends at **1.05.**

ITV/LONDON

6.15 TV-am introduced by Caroline Righton and Richard Keys. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at **8.35.** After Nine's Women's Health Week concludes with Claire Rayner discussing depression, phobias, and anxiety.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: woods in springtime **9.50** Historical fieldwork in Everton, Liverpool **10.09** Junior maths: solids **10.26** Family life **10.50** Modern China **11.15** Inside a bicycle factory **11.27** Two children take a nature ramble in the country **11.44** Judaism and the Jewish .
12.00 Ons and Cheep. Puppet series. (r) **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets and guest Jo Rowbottom **12.30 Manscape.** The growth of towns and their relationships to the surrounding countryside. (r)
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news.**
1.30 Film: Law and Disorder" (1958) starring Michael Redgrave. A comedy about a suave confidence trickster who takes the rough with the smooth and doesn't complain when he is occasionally sent down. Directed by Charles Chrichton. **3.00 Take the High Road.** Isabel is shocked by Fiona's attitude to her baby **3.25 Thames** news headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10 **4.15 Dennis.** Cartoon **4.25 Emu's Wide World.** presented by Rod Hull. The guests are Henry McGee and Stanley Unwin.
5.15 Ask No Questions. Quiz game without questions.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart.
6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show .
7.00 Through the Keyhole. Who are the proud owners of tonight's two homes? trying to guess their identity from clues given by Loyd Grossman are Chris Tarrant, Nina Myskow, and Lord Lichfield.
7.30 Me and My Girl. Simon and Samantha have trouble with their new housekeeper. (r) (Oracle)
8.00 Matlock. The first of a new courtroom series starring Andy Griffith as the country hick lawyer, Ben Matlock, who does battle with city slicker lawmen. With, tonight, Dick Van Dyke and Piper Laurie. (Oracle)
9.00 Drummonds. Episode two of the drama serial set in a 1950s preparatory school. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes.
10.30 The Tomorrowland Conference Report. A discussion between experts about the future of the South-East with ideas to eradicate the region's divide between the haves and the have nots. Followed by **LWT News** headlines.
11.30 Film: Blood Relatives (1977) starring Donald Pleasance and Donald Sutherland. A murder mystery about the death of a young girl, with the chief suspect coming from within her own family. Directed by Claude Chabrol.
1.10 AIDS Concerts. Part one of a three-programme series of highlights from the charity concert recorded at Wembley on April 1. Ends at **2.05.**



Next please!: Royal photographer Patrick Lichfield is one of the guests in this week's Through the Keyhole (ITV, 7.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships' House. (r)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. The Dimplex Heating Handicap (2.35); the Coral Newmarket Stakes (3.05); the General Accident Jockey Club Stakes (3.40); and the Ward Hill Stud Handicap (4.10).
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Donald Kent of Higham, Kent.
5.00 Mister Ed' Vintage American comedy series about a man with a talking horse. Starring Alan Young
5.30 Solid Soul. The first of a new series of 22 programmes. The studio guests are Millie Jackson, The Gap Band, and Seventh Heaven. On video are Michael McDonald and Jody Whatley.
6.00 Revid. Gary Crowley and Jon Stephen Fink review the latest film and video releases.
6.15 The Chart Show. The best selling popular records in this country and abroad.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Christabel King includes a report from Egypt on Placido Domingo's performance in Aida, set amongst the pyramids of Luxor. **Weather.**
7.50 Book Choice. Author and historian David Caute discusses a biography of Rosa Luxemburg, written by Elzbieta Ettinger.
8.00 What the Papers Say. Freelance journalist Godfrey Hodgson reviews how the Press has treated the week's news.
8.15 A Week in Politics. Can the Labour party recover in time for the next General Election. Among those taking part are Ken Livingstone, Paul Boateng, and Bryan Gould
9.00 E.R. Comedy starring Elliott Gould as Howard Sheinfeld, a hard pressed doctor working in a busy Emergency Room of a large inner-city hospital.
9.30 Plants for Free. Part five of the guide to propagation series. Propagation by division is explained in this programme. (Oracle)
10.00 Cheers. Sam, rebuffed once again by Diane, lands up in court on an assault charge.
10.30 Chateauvallon - Fortune & Power. A dubbed version of episode 13 of the French drama serial shown on Monday.
11.30 The Best of the Paul Hogan Show. Highlights from the comedy series.
12.00 After Dark. The first of a new series of open-ended chat show based on an Austrian TV programme that has run for more than a decade. Tonight, presenter Tony Wilson discusses the subject of secrecy with Clive Ponting, Peter Hain, and Colin Wallace. (see Choice)

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Sportsdesk 1.20am-1.25 News and weather. SCOTLAND: 10.30am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 9.30-10.00 Beechgrove Garden 10.00-10.25 Left, Right and Centre. NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 First Class 1.20am-1.25 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES: 2.00pm-5.30 Public Account. SCOTLAND: 8.00pm-8.30 World Snooker. NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.15am-10.38 Ceefax 8.00pm-8.30 A Question of Sport. ENGLAND: 8.00pm-8.30 East: East on Two: Midlands: Four go off to Birmingham; North: Rugby League: Up or Under?; North-east: Asbestos: Burden of the past; North-west: Rugby League: Up or Under?; South: Painters; South-west: Our Street; West: Who Cares?

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm Anglia News and Weather 1.30-3.00 Film: The Bounty Hunter 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00-7.00 About Anglia 10.30 Cross Question 11.10 Film: England Made Me 12.55 Late Night Final, Close.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm Border News 1.30 Shammy Dab 2.00 Film: The Break 3.25 Border News 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround Friday 6.35-7.00 Take The High Road 10.30 The Union and the League 11.00 Film: The Uncanny 12.40am Weather, Close.

CENTRAL As London except: 5.15am-6.15 Central Jobfinder '87 1.20pm Central News 1.30-3.00 Film: Cry Panic 5.15-5.45 Punky Brewster 6.00 Central News 6.45-7.00 Central Post 10.35 Central Weekend 12.00 Film: Empire of the Ants 1.40am Special Squad 2.40 In Concert with Pink Floyd at Pompeii 3.55 Central News, Close.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm Channel News and Weather 1.30 Falcon Crest 2.30-3.00 Mary 3.30-4.00 Country GP 5.12 Puttin's Plaice 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00 Channel Report 6.25 Weekend Diary 6.30-7.00 That's Gardening 10.30 Return to Eden (pt 2) 12.15am Heavenly Bodies 1.15 Weather, Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 First Thing 1.20 North News 1.30 The Lowe Boat 2.25 Take the High Road 2.55 Sons and Daughters 3.25 News Headlines 3.30 The Smurfs 3.45-4.00 Trang Trang 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00-7.00 North Tonight 10.30 Crossfire 11.00 Meltdown 12.00 North Headlines and Weather 12.05am Close.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Granada Reports 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 This Week in View 2.00-3.00 Jesses 3.25 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Please Sir! 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Flying Start 10.30 Celebration 11.00 What the European Papers Say 11.15 Film: To Kill A Rat 1.25am Close.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am-9.30 HTV News 1.20pm HTV News 1.30-3.00 Film: Four Sided Triangle' 5.15-5.45 Who's The Boss? 6.00-7.00 HTV News 10.30 The Good Neighbour Show 11.00 Your Say 11.15 Sports Personality of the West 12.15am Kit Curran 12.45 Weather, Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six 10.30 Elnor 11.15 Kit Curran 11.45-12.45am Meltdown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm Scottish news 1.30 Live at One-Thirty 2.00 Film: Blondie has Servant Trouble' 3.15 Sons & Daughters 3.45-4.00 Trang Trang 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Whos The Boss? 10.30 Scottish Question 11.30 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 12.30am Late Call 12.35 Close.

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TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Regional News 1.20pm Regional News 1.25 Lookaround 1.30-3.00 Film: The Million Pound Note 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes 10.32 Extra Time 11.00 Film: The House of the Yellow Carpet 12.25am Christian Calendar 12.35 Close.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 The Day Ahead 1.20pm Lunchtime 1.30-3.00 Film: A Place to Go 3.58-4.00 Ulster News 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.30-7.00 Spellbound 10.30 Witness 10.35 Sportscast 11.05 Scarecrow and Mrs King 11.55 Rock of the Seventies (Genesis) 12.20am News

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Calendar News and weather 1.20pm Calendar News and weather 1.25 Help Yourself 1.30 Film: Satan Met A Lady' 2.55-3.00 In High Society 5.15-5.45 Ask No Questions 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Knight Rider 10.30 Film: Gator 12.40am Film: Play Misty For Me 2.35 Jobfinder 3.35 Close.

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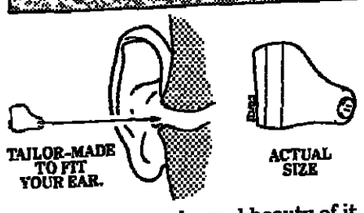
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News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies's Floating Bit in the Middle **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Andy Peebles **10.00-12.00** The Friday Rock Show (Bloody Money). **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

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MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**). Sports Round-up **8.50am.** Cricket: **7.30pm, 4.00am** Bill Rennells **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Michael Aspel **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Cliff Adams at the piano **9.00** The Organist Entertains **10.00** Gilliam Humphreys Sings **10.30** Press Gang **11.00** Angela Rippon **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Folk Entertainers **7.45** Merchant Navy Programme **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Loved by the Gods **8.30** Music Now **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by: Look Ahead **9.45** Hotel du Lac **10.00** News **10.01** Soundtracking **10.15** Merchant Navy Programme (until 10.30) **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** In the Meantime **11.25** A Letter from Northern Ireland **11.30** Meridian **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Jazz For The Asking **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Two Cheers for April **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Taylor's Ticklor **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary (until 4.15) **7.00** Outlook **7.30** Stock Market Report **7.45** Society Today **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Music Now **9.45** A Night to Remember **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** A Letter from Northern Ireland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From The Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Society Today **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Soundtracking **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** World Today (until 3.30) **4.45** Reflections **4.50** Financial News **5.00** News **5.09** Twenty-Four Hours (until 5.30). All times in GMT

Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Choosing to be Unequal. Until **6.55**
6.55 Weather. **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Nielsen (Saga-Drom: New Philharmonia under Horenstein), Handel (Concerto in B flat, Op No 6: Academy of St Martin-in-Fields, with Michala Petri, treble recorder), Respighi (Brazilian Impressions: Philharmonia under Simon), Scarlatti (Sonatas in B minor, Kk 27 and B major, Kk 245: Marcelle Meyer, piano), Bartok (Romanian folk dances: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra). **8.00** News
8.05 Concert (continued): Brittan (Piano Concerto Op 13: Richter with the ECO under Britten), Walton (Improvisations on an Impromptu of Britten: LSO under Previn). **9.00** World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Spohr. Sechs deutsche Lieder Op 154 (Fischer-Dieskau, baritone; Sitkovetsky, violin; and Holl, piano). Schoeck (Feslicher Hymnus, Op 64), Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4), Schumann (Symphony No 3)
11.30 Mendelssohn, Webern and Brahms: Brian Rayner Cook (baritone), Graham Johnson (piano). The Mendelssohn works include Auf Flugeln des Gesanges, from Op 19a No 1. The Webern songs include Gebet and Bild der Liebe, and the Brahms works are Auf dem Kirchhofe; Botschaft, and Die Mainacht
12.05 Endellion Quartet: Haydn (Quartet in G minor, Op 74 No 3), and Britten (Quartet No 3). **1.00** News
1.05 BBC Philharmonic Concert: conductor, Alfred Walter. Brahms (Piano Concerto No 1: soloist John Lill). Schoenberg (Symphonic poem Pelleas und Melisande)
2.55 Glenn Gould: piano recital. Byrd (Sellinger's Round), Sibelius (Three Sonatinas , Op 67
3.30 Couperin and Boismortier: Elissa Poole (flute), Colin Tilney (harpsichord), Richard Boothy (viola da gamba).



Soprano Ann Mackay: on Radio 3, 8.00pm

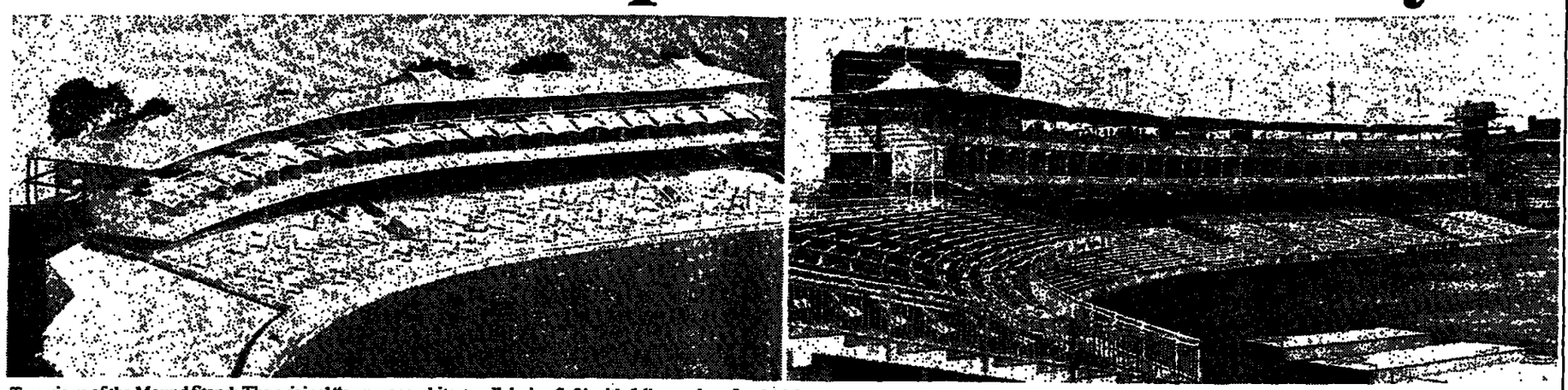
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4.00 Choral Evensong:a from York Minster. **5.00** World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: with Jeremy Siepmann. **6.55** News
7.00 Three-ring Circus: Gerry Jones's play about nuclear extinction has a cast including Jim Norton, Mick Ford and John Junkin (r)
8.00 Brighton Festival 1987: opening concert. City of London Sinfonia, under Laszlo Heltay, with Brighton Festival Chorus, Richard Attenborough (narrator) and soloists Ann Mackay, Judith Harris, Joseph Cornwell and John Hancorn. Part one. Mozart's Vesperae solennes de confessore
8.30 Change or Decay ? Ian Elliot, editor of Soviet Analyst, considers Sewaryn Bialer's book The Soviet Paradox
8.50 Brighton Festival (contd): Honegger's oratorio King David, sung in English
10.15 Nielsen and Granados: Yitkin Seow (piano) plays Nielsen's Suite luciferique, and Granados's Escenas romanticas
11.00 I Can Listen Now: Avril Clark reads the story by Paula Kelly
11.15 Guitar Music: Hubert Kappel plays Giuliani's Variations on theme of Handel Op 107, Regondi's Deuxieme air varié, and Henze's Memorias de El Cimmaron
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown.

Radio 4

5.55 Shipping **6.00** News **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather; Travel **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.50** Letters **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs. Frank Bough is Michael Parkinson's castaway on the imaginary desert island (r) (s)
9.45 The Best Day of Your Life? Marjorie Lofthouse talks to Elfreda Fallowfield who remembers being presented at Court in 1958 with the last of the debutantes
10.00 News; International Assignment. BBC Correspondents report
10.30 Morning Story. South of Sonara by Brenda O'Byrne. The reader is William Eadie
10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 122) (s)
11.00 News; Travel; First Lady of the Revolution. David Henshaw meets Rosario Murillo, the unlikely wife of the President of Nicaragua and, like her husband, a wholly committed revolutionary. (r)
11.48 Anything You Can Do (3). Arthur Martin explains how he copes with being an Avon lady.
12.00 News; The Food Programme with Derek Cooper
12.27 Nineteen Ninety Eight. Futuristic comedy drama starring David Threlfall (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One. News
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour from Cardiff with Sian Roberts. This edition includes items on an antenatal clinic in Cardiff where women with diabetes are treated, and a feature about Deidre Rhys Thomas who has corresponded with many famous people about the danger of a nuclear war.Also, the final instalment of Susan Hill's book In the Springtime of the Year, read by Lois Baxter.
3.00 News; The Robe. By Lloyd C Douglas. With Anton Lesser as Marcellus Gallio and Helena Breck as Diana (3) The Way to Athens (3)
4.00 News
4.05 Inheritance. Father and Daughter. June Knox-Mawer talks to Sheila Lochhead, daughter of Ramsay MacDonald (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on The Merchant of Venice at Stratford; Primo Levi's book The Wrench; and the film Farewell. Comment, too, on the record Theresa Stratas sings Weill.
5.00 PM. News magazine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; Travel
6.00 News. Financial report
6.30 Going Places. Clive Jacobs and the team survey the world of travel and transport
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Margaret Howard selects moments from BBC Radio and Television
8.20 Any Questions? Joining John Timpson in Southam, Warks, Brenda Sean (President, SOGAT 82), Shirley Williams (President of the SDP), Gilbert Gray QC, and Nicholas Ridley MP (Secretary of State for the Environment)
9.05 Times Remembered. Ian Skidmore talks to Tim Davies, who records insect noises
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen in conversation with Frank McGuinness, named last year as Most Promising Playwright of the year. He wrote plays like Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. Docherty by William McIlvanney. Read by David Hayman. (5) **10.29** Weather
10.32 The World Tonight
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending (s) Satirical review
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Explorers **11.20** Playtime (s) **11.35** Music Workshop (s) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.05** Let's Join In **2.25** Popalong **2.40** In The Picture **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night Time Broadcasting. GCSE English. Help with spoken English **12.30** 3: For My Talk Today.. **12.50** 4: Who's There?

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Lord's – the plan and the reality



Two views of the Mound Stand: The original "summer architecture" design (left) with full tented roof and (right) the state of play at the moment, still tented but with 11 distinct turrets. (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

The gateman thinks the style Islamic. One of the groundsmen asks whether it is the circus come to town. The flats overlooking it can no longer be called Lord's View – they are now the Back-of-Lord's View – and it reminds Brian Johnston of the Battle of Agincourt. Like it or loathe it, you cannot ignore it . . . and it is not even finished yet.

The only certainty is that the new Mound Stand will cause as much comment as the cricket this summer, or, to be more precise, its roof will. From the ankles to the neck, it is just like any other stand, but its hat comes straight out of Mrs Shilling's Ascot wardrobe.

Opinion round Lord's is divided. Many believe the new structure is out of keeping with the rest of the ground and, apart possibly from the mosque in Regent's Park, the rest of the St John's Wood area, too. The only link with cricket, they say, is that there are 11 turrets and they are white. But others regard it as a breath of fresh air. "It's the cheerful face of Lord's," Johnston says. "I don't think it spoils the character of the place, it adds to the gaiety. They ought to fly a few flags from the top of the turrets, then it really will be like the Raj."

The infectious enthusiasm of the Test Match Special captain has not found an echo among the residents of the St John's Wood Road, who have paid £190,000 for their telescopic view of the cricket and no longer have it, unless they climb onto the roof. For the last 23 seasons, floors five to 10 have had a perfect view of the cricket; now they have a bird's-eye view of the turrets and if they really stand tall, deep square-leg underneath the grandstand.

"Eighty per cent of the residents don't like it," the caretaker, Bill Ryan, says. "The rest have not expressed an opinion about it, but no one has fallen in love with it. It is certainly nothing like the original drawings."

Some MCC members have hurriedly gone back to their notes of the Special General Meeting in September, 1985, to check if what they see is really what they approved. The answer, according to the chairman of the MCC's Estates Committee, David Male, is yes and no. "There has been a development of design since the original drawings. The concept has always been for a tented roof and while that has not changed, the details of the outline have," he says.

The "development in design" means the number of bobbles on top. Instead of 30 columns on the top deck supporting the marquee, there are now five main columns running through the structure from top to bottom. These are balanced by six other towers from which the roof is hung like a suspension bridge. Male, however, denies that members were misled about the final product, which will have seating for 4,600 seats on the old Mound besides the 525 debenture seats on the top floor, and asks them to stay their judgements until the building is completed at the end of May. A canopy in MCC colours has still to be put across the 27 boxes, and the lift will be painted white.

The architect of the stand, Michael Hopkins, calls the new Mound "summer architecture" and defends it against accusations of character assassination. "Lord's always has been a collection of individual buildings and I hope we have picked up on those, particularly the pavilion, which is the same height as the new Mound Stand." David Male, for one, is delighted with it. "It will be the most advanced stand in the country," he says. "It should be stunning."

Andrew Longmore

END COLUMN

Nigeria move to bar Budd

By John Goodbody

Nigeria, who successfully led the protest to bar athlete Zola Budd and the swimmer, Annette Cowley, from competing in last year's Commonwealth Games, will call for a boycott of the 1990 Games if the two South African-born sportswomen represent England in Auckland.

Chief Abraham Ordia, secretary-general of the Nigerian Olympic Committee, said in London: "They are both South Africans. They are trying to get gold medals through the back door. It is not cricket and I know the average Englishman dislikes injustice."

Chief Ordia, who was on his way to Barbados for today's meeting of the Commonwealth Games Federation advisory committee, said: "Miss Budd and Miss Cowley should not compete. We cannot force anything. If England agrees with us we will be happy. Otherwise we will have only one weapon and that is to keep away. Nigeria is a member of the federation. We want the Commonwealth Games to continue but we also want fair play and human dignity."

The federation decided that both competitors were ineligible for last year's games. Although both had British passports – Miss Budd obtained hers in 1984 – they were both born in South Africa. To represent England under the constitution they needed further qualifications. Neither had been resident in England for six of the previous 12 months.

Games Federation to clarify rules

Miss Cowley unsuccessfully challenged the federation's ruling in the High Court. But despite the federation's decision the Edinburgh Games were ruined by a boycott of 32 countries (including Nigeria), whose governments were protesting at the British Government's refusal to impose full sanctions against South Africa.

The federation is due to clarify its constitution, which is inadequately drafted to deal with competitors who move from one country to another. It was originally designed to facilitate easy movement between countries within the Commonwealth.

It was not designed to cope with the difficulties of a competitor moving from a country outside the Commonwealth, particularly from a nation as politically sensitive as South Africa, who left the Commonwealth in 1961.

The meeting in Bridgetown will consider proposals by Nigeria, who also led the boycott of the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, to "ensure that future Commonwealth Games are not jeopardized" by stiffening penalties against countries maintaining sporting links with South Africa. These amendments include directly relating the constitution of the federation to the Gleneagles declaration of 1977 which calls on Commonwealth members to sever sporting links with South Africa.

Nigeria also proposes that any Commonwealth country which "recognizes, assists or encourages individual sportsmen or sports associations" to play against "any country which practices or supports apartheid" even in sports not in the Games, should be ineligible to take part in the quadrennial games.

Call to cut links with S Africa

In the past, the Commonwealth Games Council for England has argued (with justification) that it has no power over sports, like Rugby Union, which has maintained some sporting links with South Africa and therefore has hesitated about condemning such moves.

England maybe required to be more immediately forceful in future but will be able to shelter behind the British Government's argument that its policy is to dissuade sportsmen from visiting South Africa but will not physically stop them. Last October in Dublin several countries at the fifth conference of European sports ministers tried to persuade Britain to do just that.

The British Government still refuses to recognize, assist or encourage any competitors who go to South Africa and does not give any grant aid for competitors travelling there. But what it does not yet do is stop all grant aid to organizations whose members maintain links with South Africa. The day maybe approaching when this step may have to be seriously considered.

Registration scare for Greig but he leads with panache

By Alan Lee

THE OVAL: Derbyshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 61 runs behind Surrey.

Ian Greig maintained his heady start in the Surrey captaincy with a fluent 88 and two wickets yesterday, pointing Derbyshire towards almost certain defeat. But his new county's followers will be alarmed to learn that this adventurous appointment might easily have been sabotaged at the 11th hour.

Greig, I understand, was approached last week by officials of the Test and County Cricket Board who were concerned that he may have relinquished his English qualification by living in Australia for the past 18 months.

Only after giving a number of written assurances to the effect that he was buying property in England and intended to spend at least the statutory minimum 210 days per year in this country, was Greig's registration ratified.

Greig, aged 31, born and raised in South Africa before completing his education at Cambridge, could not have kept his new job if the board had insisted he was now an overseas player as Surrey are locked into an effective arrangement with their two fast bowling imports, Sylvester Clarke and Tony Gray.

He said last night: "At the time it was a worrying problem but everyone at Lord's was very helpful and once I had satisfied them that I now considered England to be my home and had moved my family over here, we were able to sort it out."

Greig might have joined Surrey for last season. Along with Somerset and Worcestershire, they showed great interest in him following his sacking by Sussex, but the player had been temporarily disillusioned by his treatment at Hove and decided to try his luck in Australia.

All available evidence indicates that the break has done him good. His leadership to date has been strong and shrewd and his batting, at No. 7, a revelation. Greig scored 46 and 50 not out in Surrey's first match at Trent Bridge and yesterday, coming in once more in a pressurized situation after the relatively rapid fall of four wickets, he played with panache.

It had seemed at first that Surrey were bound for a mammoth score. Smith, despite problems with his timing, and Clinton took their opening stand to 137, profitting from some of the shoddiest bowling and fielding that will be seen in the championship this season.

Ole Mortensen must be exempt from such condemnation. In a long, persevering and frequently unlucky spell he hit the pads almost as often as the bat. The frustration was finally too much for him and he elected, unwisely, to bait Smith with some ironic applause.

Smith is an imposing figure who does not take kindly to insults and when he belatedly middled a drive against Mortensen and completed a run, the two stood eyeball to eyeball in what, for a moment, looked likely to be an ugly scene.

Some Danish oaths were doubtlessly answered with Cockney rhetoric and there was a good deal of gesturing but at the end of the next over Mortensen signalled a truce and the two shook hands.

It was Martin Jean-Jacques, the Dominican in Derbyshire's multi-national attack, who removed both openers on his way to figures of four for 39. The other seamers all bowled poorly, however, and the only concession to variety came from Anderson, purveying his off-spin for the first time in two years.

Surrey became understandably cavalier. Their lead should probably have been even greater than 144 but, having subsided to 183 for four they owed much to Greig's two-hour innings and some solid blows from Thomas.

They appear, anyway, to have done enough as Derbyshire's front-line batsmen fared no better than they had at their first attempt. Then, they slid to 55-5; this time it was 53-5, with two wickets for the intimidating Clarke and two for Grieg within seven deliveries of bringing himself on. Morris and Newman defied bad light and good bowling with no little courage, but Derbyshire remain on the critical list.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 217 (A E Warner 72, I S Anderson 51; S T Clarke 5-63, M A Feltham 4-63).

Second Innings

*K J Barnett c Richards b Thomas	12
†B J Maher c Stewart b Clark	0
B Roberts c sub b Clarke	13
J E Morris not out	37
I S Anderson c Richards b Greig	1
R Sharma b Greig	0
P G Newman not out	17
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 2)	4
Total (5 wkts)	84

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-13, 3-49, 4-53, 5-53.

SURREY: First Innings

G S Clinton c Roberts b Jean-Jaques	72
D M Smith lbw b Jean-Jaques	74
A J Stewart b Warner	9
N J Faulkner c and b Jean-Jaques	14
†C J Richards c Maher b Anderson	26
T A Greig b Mortensen	88
D J Thomas c Maher b Malcolm	31
M A Lynch c and b Malcolm	6
M A Feltham lbw b Mortensen	10
K T Medlycott not out	2
S T Clarke c Morris b Jean-Jaques	8
Extras (b 8, lb 8, w 1, nb 4)	21
Total	367

Score at 100 overs: 342 for 8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-137, 2-154, 3-179, 4-183, 5-263, 6-333, 7-335, 8-342, 9-352.

BOWLING: Warner 14-4-47-1; Jean-Jaques 16-3-39-4; Malcolm 20-1-67-2; Newman 16-0-64-0; Mortensen 26-8-47-2; Anderson 10-0-42-1; Roberts 4-0-18-0.

Bonus points: Surrey 8, Derbyshire 5.

Umpires: D J Constant and K J Lyons.

● Richard Ellison, the Kent fast bowler, has had a special injection in an attempt to speed his return to fitness after a back injury. "Although a scan has shown that it wasn't a stress factor, it is painful when I bowl



Graham: unhappy

Ingle and Graham end links

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Herol Graham, Britain's world No. 1 middleweight contender, has ended his 10-year partnership with Brendan Ingle, his trainer and former manager. A row over money is the reason for the split.

Graham said yesterday: "I feel horrible about what's happened. It's true what they say, money is the root of all evil." Ingle said: "Of course this is a sad day, but I know I have not done anything wrong in my dealings." The disagreement is over £75,000 paid to Ingle by B J Eastwood for the contract to manage Graham.

Graham felt that he should have received a cut, but Ingle maintains that it was compensation for the years he had neglected his family to take the boxer to world championship class.

Ingle is still Graham's trainer, but Eastwood appears to be relying more and more on a team of Panamanians to prepare Graham for important contests. Graham has moved out of Ingle's gym in Newman Road, Sheffield to a training centre across the city. Graham said: "I am sorry to has come to this and just before I get a chance at the world title, but I will not be going back to the gym."

Graham was noticed by Ingle as a 17-year-old amateur and was persuaded to move from Nottingham to Sheffield, where he stayed for long periods with Ingle's family.

Foulds fights his way out of trouble

By Sydney Friskin

There are already signs that the 31-frame semi-final between defending champion Joe Johnson and Neal Foulds in the Embassy world snooker championship at Sheffield will have an exciting finish. Their brief encounter yesterday will be resumed this morning with Johnson leading 4-3.

At the first interval the scores were 2-2, Foulds having drawn level with the supporting break of 72. Before that Johnson had shot into a 2-1 lead and enjoying his brighter moments in his breaks of 50 and a clearance of 39.

Foulds had made a smooth break of 95 to level at 1-1 after he had lost the first frame in a tight struggle for the colours, an in-off by him having favoured Johnson who cleared from brown to pink.

Coming back from the interval Johnson swept through the fifth frame in dashing style, taking chances as he compiled a break of 52 and forcing Foulds to concede. In the sixth frame Foulds was snookered four times on the yellow but fought his way out of trouble on three occasions.

The last frame of the afternoon was decided on the black ball. A run on the colours by Foulds, which should have been decisive, ended when his attempt on the black at a corner pocket just failed, allowing Johnson to dispatch it into a side pocket.

Dene O'Kane, aged 24, from New Zealand, whose retrieving powers are much talked about, is a happy man despite his 13-6 defeat by Jimmy White in the quarter-finals on Wednesday. He leaves the scene £14,000 to the good having earned £12,000 as a losing quarter-finalist and a sum of £2,000 for the highest break, 132, during the qualifying stages at Preston, where he made five century breaks all together.

O'Kane won nine frames in a row to beat Cliff Thorburn 10-5 and against White, after falling 9-0 behind he pulled back five frames in cavalier fashion, a style unchanged on the following day when White came to finish him off.

SCORES: Quarter-finals: Wednesday: N Foulds (Eng) bt M Hallett, 13-8. Frame scores (Foulds first): 83-11, 1-75, 0-105, 75-38, 42-61, 105-17, 65-38, 7-107, 16-62, 71-34, 107-8, 36-68, 65-50, 56-44, 108-18, 82-34, 29-75, 55-18, 71-62, 2-81, 26-69, 107-4. S Davis (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wales), 13-5. Frame scores (Davis first): 66-33, 58-18, 71-46, 25-67, 0-135, 42-64, 73-48, 76-24, 69-68, 17-76, 105-30, 74-4, 12-97, 92-10, 69-16, 69-4, 86-33, 70-10. Semi-finals: J Johnson (Eng) leads N Foulds (Eng), 4-3. Frame scores (Johnson first): 79-40, 27-99, 89-33, 9-78, 71-1, 32-68, 69-68.

Proctor banned

Rob Proctor, the Keighley hooker, has been suspended for six matches by the Rugby League disciplinary committee after being sent off in his club's second division match against Mansfield on April 20.

Hill announces Fulham plan

Fulham have announced a nationwide membership scheme whereby supporters from all over the country can become registered members of Fulham Football Club (1987) Limited. Registration, which will cost £6.50, will entitle members to two standing vouchers for any home League game for next season. Members will also receive priority of standing tickets for Cup matches.

Jimmy Hill, the new Fulham chairman, believes there could be up to 100,000 people willing to take out membership. "That figure may seem surprising, but we do feel there are many thousands of people who would like to help in some way. This is their opportunity," Hill said. He has also launched "Operation Cottage" – a plan for supporters to come in and clean the ground during the summer months.

"We want anyone who can offer any help in giving the ground a lick of paint, or offer skills as carpenters or bricklayers, to come forward," he said.

It was also confirmed that the former chairman, David Bulstrode, had not formally relinquished control of Fulham because of a legal delay.

Meanwhile, Aldershot, on the verge of securing a fourth division play-off, may have difficulty cashing in on their success. Following a ground safety ruling, police and fire authorities have told the club that their remaining three matches must be all-ticket.

Permission has been granted for 5,000 tickets to be made available.

A scoreless match for Essex captain

By Marcus Williams

CHELMSFORD: Essex, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 130 runs ahead of Warwickshire.

An incident-packed day at Chelmsford saw Warwickshire fend off the threat of the follow-on, reduce Essex's first-innings lead to 85 and then make early inroads into their batting second time around.

The lively pitch also produced five stitches in a head wound for the Warwickshire batsman, Paul Smith, and two sickening blows in the groin for his colleague, David Thorne. When a full toss from Allan Donald battered Essex's Paul Prichard on the hand, the umpires brought the players off for bad light with 13.5 overs remaining. They returned later to complete that over, but with three still to bowl, the umpires finally called it a day.

The Essex batsmen had already been given the option of coming off in the first over of the innings but Gooch chose to stay on and was dismissed for his second duck of the match by the young South African. Allan Donald, who went on to remove Hardie and Gladwin and then delivered the *coup de grace* to Prichard.

From all this it can be deduced that the pitch's sharp bounce continued to encourage the seamers and disconcert all the batsmen apart from Small.

Pringle was the pick of the Essex bowlers, and Page, their South African, also finished with four wickets after a traumatic morning when he was no-balled eight times in his first four-over spell.

Pringle removed the openers, Lloyd and Moles, in successive overs after they had put on 52 and there had been few hints of the mayhem to come.

ESSEX First Innings 308 (K W R Fletcher 86, P J Prichard 61)

Second Innings

G A Gooch b Donald	0
C Gladwin c Lloyd b Donald	24
B R Hardie b Donald	1
P J Prichard retired hurt	8
K W R Fletcher not out	3
H A Page not out	2
Extras (lb 1, w 4, nb 2)	7
Total (3 wkts)	45

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-13, 3-36

WARWICKSHIRE First Innings

T A Lloyd b Pringle	12
A J Moles c Gooch b Pringle	28
P A Smith c Miller b Foster	4
D L Amiss c Miller b Pringle	43
†G W Humpage c sub b Page	15
Asif Din c Miller b Page	1
D A Thorne b Page	20
G J Parsons c Prichard b Gooch	6
G C Small b Pringle	42
N Gifford not out	10
A A Donald c and b Page	15
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 3, nb15)	27
Total (83.5 overs)	223

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-53, 3-120, 4-120, 5-127, 6-138, 7-138, 8-184, 9-197

BOWLING: Foster 25-4-7-60-1; Page 24.2-5-89-4; Pringle 24-5-8-48-4; Gooch 9-2-18-1.

Bonus points: Essex 8, Warwick 6

Umpires: D O Oslear and H D Bird.

Smith defends

Roy Smith, of Nottingham, defends his British cruiserweight title against Tee Jay, of Clapham, at Battersea's Latchmere Leisure Centre tomorrow week.

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£70,000 for Graveney

David Graveney, the Gloucestershire captain, easily broke the county record by raising more than £70,000 during his benefit year. The highlight for Graveney was fulfilling a personal ambition when he turned out for Bristol at a benefit rugby match in Devon. He also organized celebrity-amateur golf and shooting days, a six-a-side knockout cricket tournament, quiz nights, together with fashion shows, dances and lunches.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Castle on the move

Nagoya, Japan (AP) – Andrew Castle, the third seed, defeated the American, Danny Saltz, 6-2, 6-1, to advance to the quarter-finals in the Dunlop Masters championships, while Russell Simpson, of New Zealand, the defending champion, was upset by Robert Van't Hof, of the United States, 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-4.

Ramesh Krishnan, of India, the No. 1 seed, had little trouble in overcoming the American, Joel Bailey, 6-3, 6-1.

Kelly second

Cerler – Sean Kelly, of Ireland, slipped to outright second place after the seventh stage of the Tour of Spain.



Castle: advances

Player fund

A collection will be taken at tomorrow's Silk Cut Challenge Cup final for David O'Connor, the amateur international who became paralysed after injuries he sustained in a match against France.

Ominous sign

Mexico City – Hugo Sanchez, of Real Madrid, a member of Mexico's World Cup team, is likely to sign for Inter Milan shortly, a close business associate said.

Race debut

Gary Brabham, of Australia, will drive a revolutionary Formula Three car in round six of the British championship on May 17.

Coach resigns

Bob Redwood, the Gloucester rugby club coach for the past three years, has resigned after dismal performances this season. "I am bitterly disappointed with the way things have gone," he said.

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